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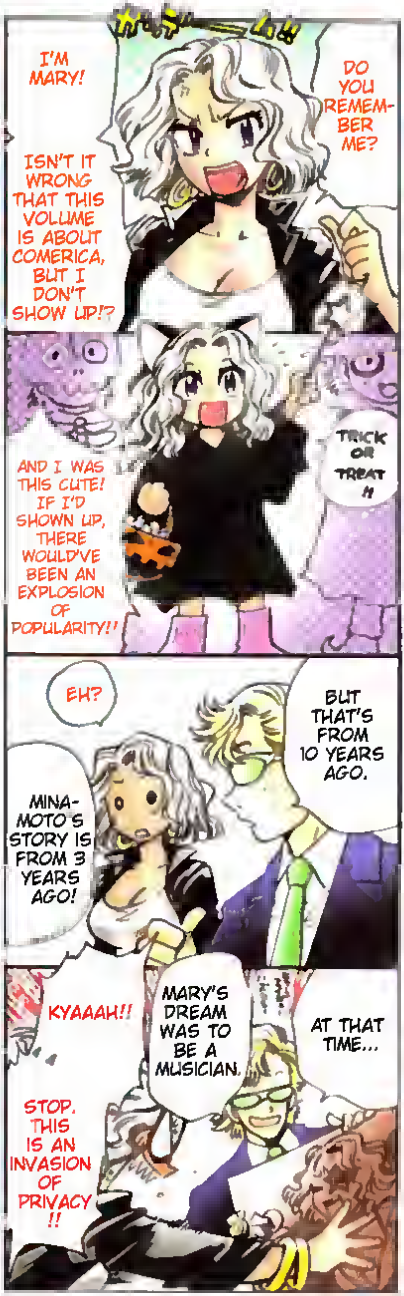
I'M MARY!
DO YOU REMEMBER ME?
ISN'T IT WRONG THAT THIS VOLUME IS ABOUT COMERICA, BUT I DON'T SHOW UP!?
AND I WAS THIS CUTE! IF I'D SHOWN UP, THERE WOULD'VE BEEN AN EXPLOSION OF POPULARITY!!
TRICK OR TREAT
EH?
BUT THAT'S FROM 10 YEARS AGO.
MINAMOTO'S STORY IS FROM 3 YEARS AGO!
KYAAAH!!
MARY'S DREAM WAS TO BE A MUSICIAN.
AT THAT TIME...
STOP. THIS IS AN INVASION OF PRIVACY!!

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★前巻までのあらすじ★

エスパーが、あらゆる分野で増え続ける21世紀――

「超度7」の最強特務エスパー・薫、葵、紫穂の三人娘は「サ・チルドレン」として活躍中！

皆本光一は、超オマセでジャジャ馬な彼女たちの育成係として、日々奮闘しているのだが…

春を迎え、小学5年生になった彼女たちの前に、なんと兵部少佐が現れた！

危険を承知で進級祝いにやってきた彼の口から語られる、戦時中の忌まわしき過去…

普通人とエスパーの全面戦争は避けられない未来なのか!?

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■椎名高志■

1st sense. 面影(1)

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Vestiges (1)

SO WE NEED TO "TREAT IT GENTLY AS IF IT WERE A GIRL". ♡
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO SAY IT THAT WAY...
BUT YES
PSYCHIIIIC...

"FORGIVE ME, FELIDAL LORD"!!
THAT'S NOT GENTLE AT ALL!!
THAT'S SEXUAL HARASS-MENT!

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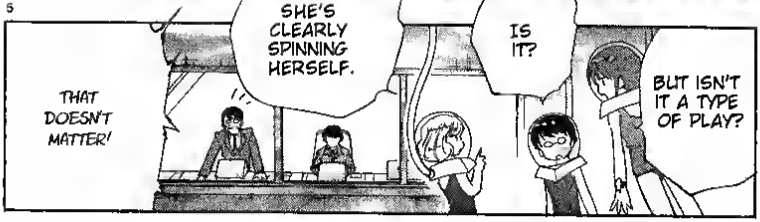
BUT ISN'T IT A TYPE OF PLAY?
IS IT?
SHE'S CLEARLY SPINNING HERSELF.
THAT DOESN'T MATTER!

THAT'S RIGHT, THAT'S RIGHT!! ESPECIALLY BY OUR DIRECT SUPER-VISOR
WE'VE NEVER BEEN TREATED LIKE GIRLS BEFORE, SO WE DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO IT.
..YOU CAN'T BLAME KAORU, MINAMOTO-HAN

THIS IS TRAINING, BUT IT'S STILL DANGEROUS!
IF YOU FOCUS ON OTHER THINGS, AN ACCIDENT COULD HAPPEN.
MINA-MOTO-KUN!
HMM...
2 CM...
AND WE'RE EVEN GROWING MORE AND MORE FEMININE EACH DAY.
CONCENTRATE ON YOUR WORK!
NO WAY, REALLY!?
TCH!

CHIEF!
DO YOU HAVE A MOMENT?
WHAT IS IT?
IT'S ABOUT THAT INTERNATIONAL MOON STATION.
ONE OF THE COMERICAN PROJECT MEMBERS WANTS TO SEE YOU...
SHE SEEMS TO KNOW YOU.

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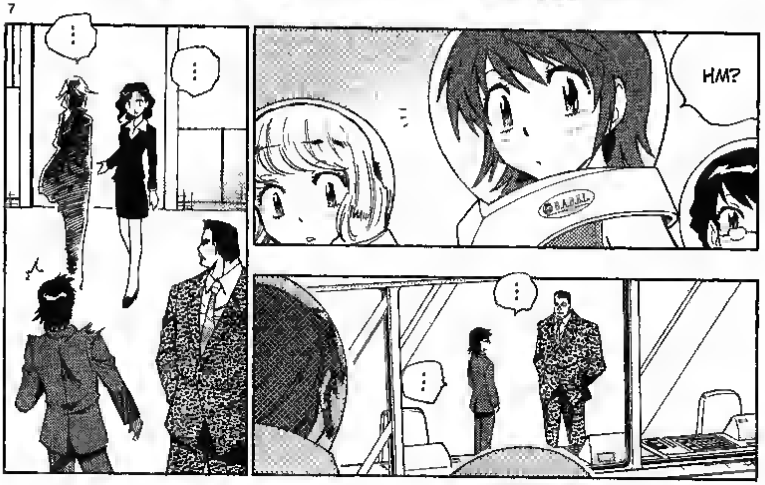
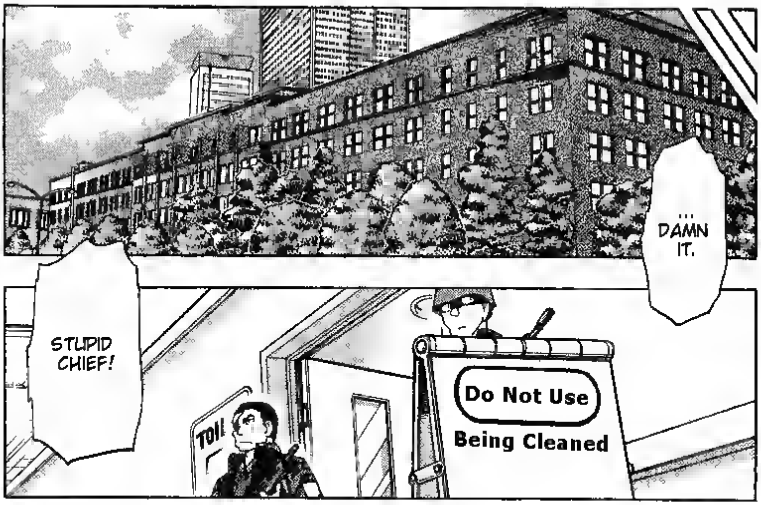

HM?

WHO'S THAT WOMAN?
BOB?
SHE'S FAIRLY GOOD LOOK-ING?
!!
AAAA-AAH!!

!
ガイン!!
ガイン!
ガイン!!
……
……
……
……
キィィィ…
W-WAIT A SECOND!?
STOP, YOU IDIOTS!
IF YOU DO THAT...

IT'LL CAUSE A SERIOUS-
BH!!
KYA-AAAH!?


... DAMN IT.
STUPID CHIEF!
Do Not Use
Being Cleaned
Toi!

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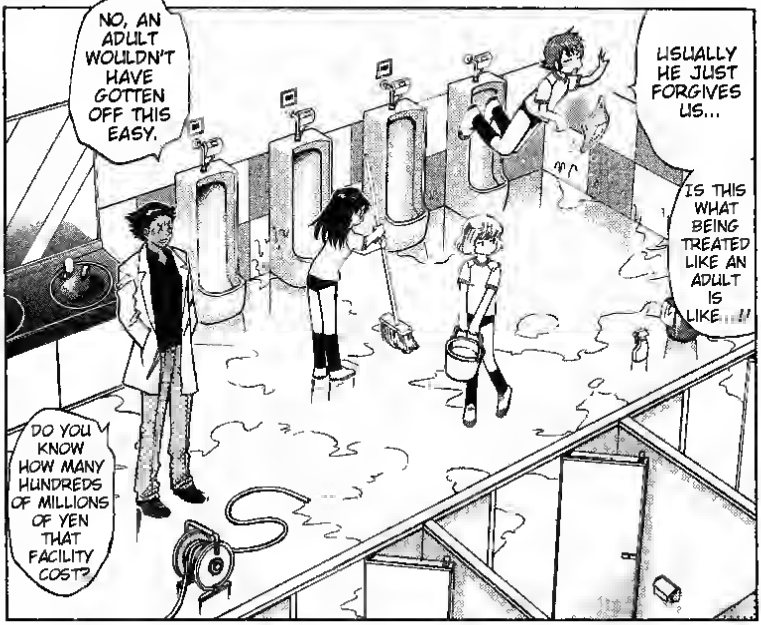
NO, AN ADULT WOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN OFF THIS EASY.
USUALLY HE JUST FORGIVES US...
IS THIS WHAT BEING TREATED LIKE AN ADULT IS LIKE...!!
DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF YEN THAT FACILITY COST?

OH...
LET ME SEE!
AND WHO WAS THAT WOMAN!!
SHE JUST WALKED UP AND HUGGED HIM...!!

AH...!!

I SEE...!!
SHE'S...
!!
WHAT!? WHO IS SHE!?

WHAT'S WRONG!?
WHAT?

IN DETAIL.
...I THINK I'LL HAVE YOU SHOW ME EVERYTHING.
LOOK!
SHE WAS MINAMOTO-SAN'S GIRL-FRIEND FROM COMERICA!!
WHA!?
OH, CRAP!!
OH...
13
Y-
YOU CAN'T!!
WE WON'T LET YOU RUN!
!
I HAVE AN EMERGENCY PATIENT...

MISTER...
♡
SO PLEASE GET BACK TO WORK!
I HAVE ORDERS TO KEEP YOU HERE UNTIL YOU'VE FINISHED YOUR PUNISH-MENT.
UH...
WHICH DO YOU PREFER?
OR GETTING A LETHAL WOUND TO THE HEART...
BEING BURIED UNDER-GROUND...
BETWEEN HAVING YOUR SKULL SMASHED IN...
HEE
TEE HEE ♡
EH HEH ♡
THEY COULD BE DOING THINGS YOU CAN'T PUBLISH IN A SHOUNEN MAGAZINE RIGHT NOW!
THAT'S RIGHT!!
LET'S GO!!
WE NEED TO GET TO MINAMOTO-HAN BEFORE DOCTOR SAKAKI!!
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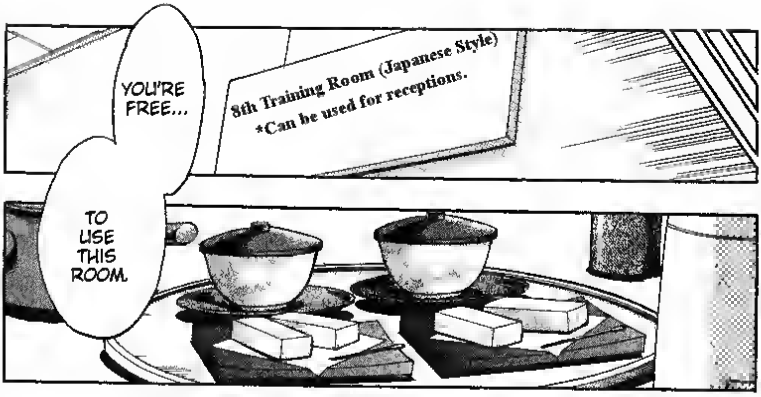
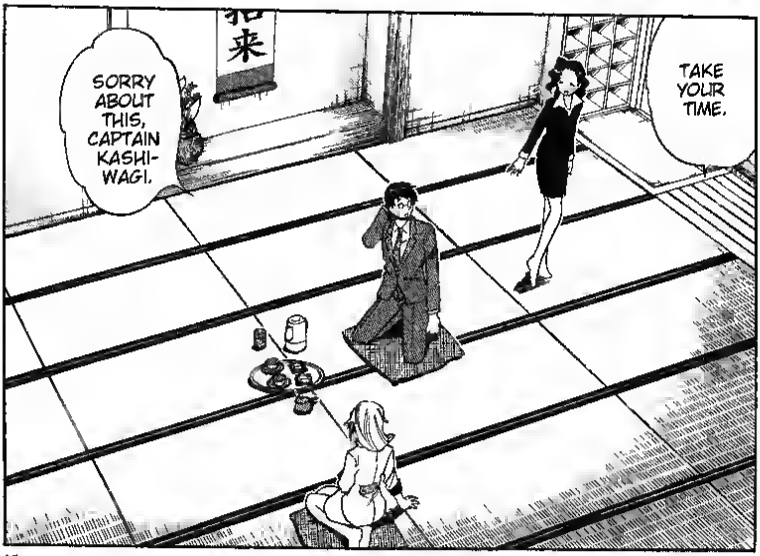
NO


8th Training Room (Japanese Style)
*Can be used for receptions.
YOU'RE FREE...
TO USE THIS ROOM.


SORRY ABOUT THIS, CAPTAIN KASHIWAGI.
TAKE YOUR TIME.

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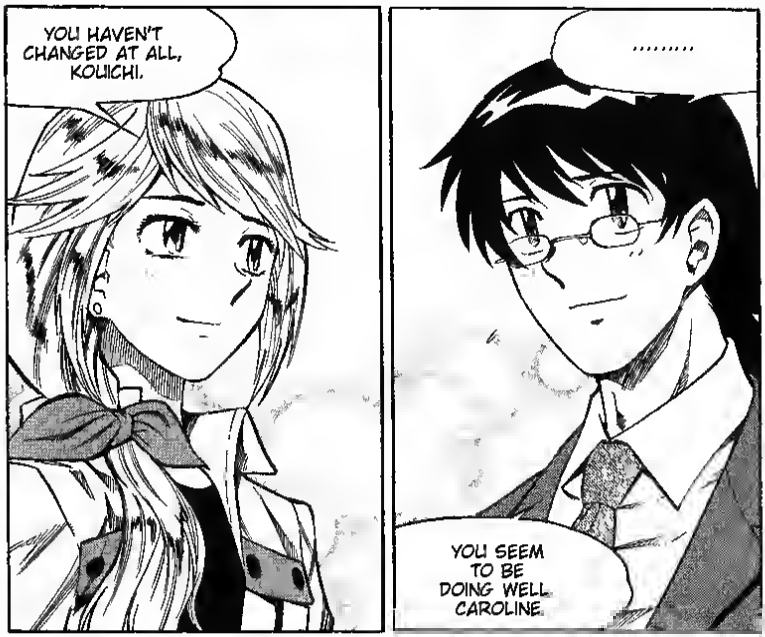
WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU


YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL, KOUICHI.
.....
YOU SEEM TO BE DOING WELL CAROLINE.

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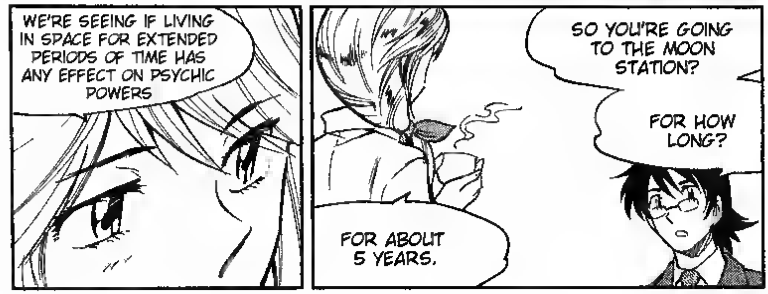

WE'RE SEEING IF LIVING IN SPACE FOR EXTENDED PERIODS OF TIME HAS ANY EFFECT ON PSYCHIC POWERS
SO YOU'RE GOING TO THE MOON STATION?
FOR HOW LONG?
FOR ABOUT 5 YEARS.

I KNOW IT'S SUDDEN, BUT THIS YEAR'S LAUNCH IS BEING DONE AT THE JAPANESE SPACE CENTER...
SO I THOUGHT I WOULD COME SEE BEFORE I LEFT...
I COULDN'T READ IT VERY WELL.
WHO'S "CARRIE"?
SH.
?
ISN'T IT A NICKNAME FOR "CAROLINE"?
WE CAN'T LET "THE CHILDREN" SEE...
ONE THING'S FOR SURE...
I WANTED YOU TO...
MEET CARRIE ONCE MORE
!!

THIS!?

KNOCK, KNOCK!!

YOU THREE ...

!!

!?
YOU CHEATING BASTARD!!
WHY YOU TWO CERTAINLY SEEM CLOSE...

KOLL..
ICHL..?
A..
A GHOST!?
"FAINT"
!!

2nd sense.
面影(2)
Vestiges (2)

MINA...
MO...
TO...
KOUICHI.
MY SWEET-HEART.

A...
A GHOST!?
AOI!!
WHY IS EVERY-ONE HERE...?
PSYCHIC COSTUME CHANGE!
OUTFIT B-5!
E-EVIL SPIRI...
ROGER!
THE ONE FOR GETTING RID OF EVIL SPIRITS, RIGHT!?

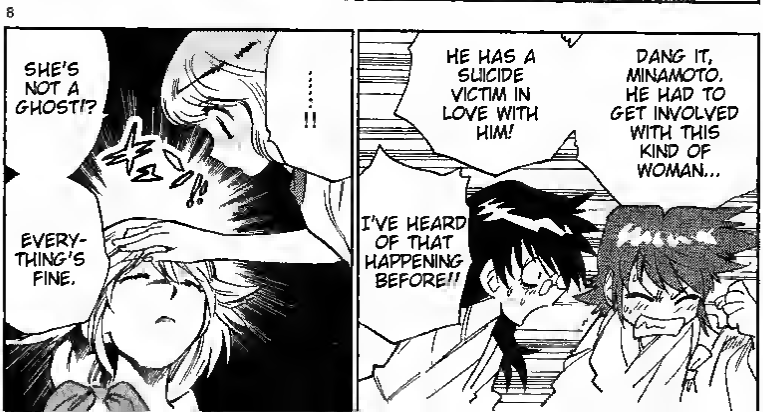
COSTUME CHAAAAANGE!!
PSYCHIC
可
絶
憐
対
4
EVIL SPIRIT...

BEGONE!!
STOP!!
YOU! ID...
AH...
IS THIS THE GIRL...?

ドーン
DO
IT DIDN'T DO ANYTHING!?
IT...!?

DO YOU NOT CARE ABOUT THE BUILDING!?
WAIT!!
DAMN YOU
SHIT!! ONCE MORE!!
STOP THIS!!
...BUT I CAN SENSE THOUGHT WAVES?
SHE'S NOT MADE OF ANY-THING!
WHAT IS SHE?
THAT WON'T WORK, KAORU!!!
DIRECT ATTACKS WON'T WORK ON A GHOST!!
SO...
!!
HER PERSONALITY IS SEPARATE ...!!
SHE'S NOT THAT WOMAN ...!?

C-CALM DOWN!!!
WE NEED TO WRITE HOLY TEXTS ON MINAMOTO-HAN!!
AOI, WE NEED TO WRITE IT HERE TOO!!
IF YOU ONLY WRITE THERE, THAT'S THE ONLY PART WE'LL SAVE, RIGHT!?
I SENSE SOME-THING FUN!?
THAT'S WHAT ALL THE EVIL SPIRITS SAY, IDIOT!!
ISN'T A GHOST.
CARRIE ...


SHE'S NOT A GHOST!?
.....!!
EVERY-THING'S FINE.
HE HAS A SUICIDE VICTIM IN LOVE WITH HIM!
DANG IT, MINAMOTO, HE HAD TO GET INVOLVED WITH THIS KIND OF WOMAN...
I'VE HEARD OF THAT HAPPENING BEFORE!!

EH?
A PART OF HER BRAIN MUTATED INTO THE FORM OF THE ESP CENTER...
YEAH...
AND IT BROUGHT FORTH ANOTHER PERSONALITY.
"CARRIE" IS A PART OF CAROLINE.

YOU COULD CALL HER...
A BODILESS TWIN WHO LIVES INSIDE HER BRAIN.

WHICH WAS IT!?
SO...
ぬっ
D-
DIRECTOR!!
"CARRIE" OR "CAROLINE"?
WHICH ONE IS YOUR EX, MINAMOTO-KUN!?
WHEN DID YOU GET HERE!?
10
.....!!
YOU SHOULD AT LEAST...
TELL THESE GIRLS, RIGHT?

"THE CHILDREN" ARE YOUR TEAM.
.....
THEY'RE YOUR FAMILY.
YOU SHOULDN'T MAKE THEM JEALOUS, SHOULD YOU?
WAY TO GO, DIRECTOR ...!!
SHE HAS A WAY WITH WORDS!!
SPILL IT, MINAMOTO!
PUT OUR FEARS TO REST.

A-AH, BUT, Y'KNOW...
I'M ENTITLED TO MY PRIVACY.
AND YOU DON'T TELL KIDS THIS KIND OF...
AGAIN WITH THE KIDS STUFF...!
KOUICHI'S LOVER WAS...
CARRIE, RIGHT?

H-HEY!! SHH!!
K-KISSED !?
IT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH CAROLINE, RIGHT?
CARRIE KISSED KOUICHI!
RIGHT?

!?
STOP!
GAH ...

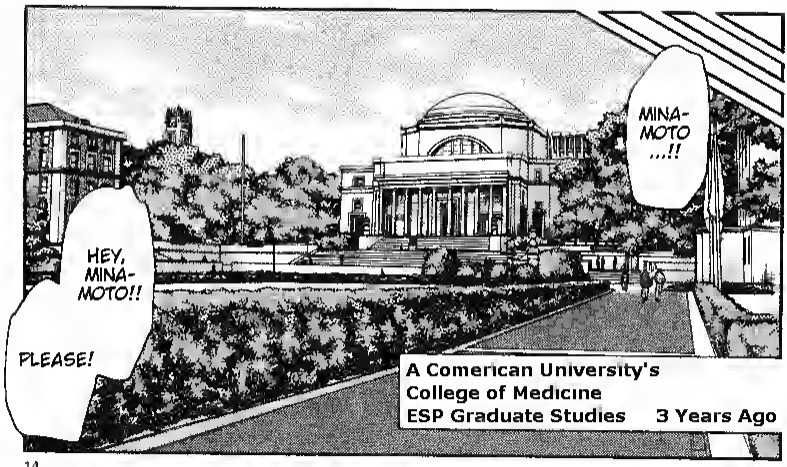
SA...
SAKAKI ...!!
SEE, THIS IS WHY FRIENDS ARE IMPOR
THAT WAS A LONG TIME AGO...
DON'T GET SO JEALOUS!

NGAH!?

HE CERTAINLY HOLDS A GRUDGE.*
HEH
NOW I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I KNOW.
WELL, I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO DO THAT.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, SHUUJI !?
KOUICHI !?

*See Volume 9.

THIS WAS...
BACK WHEN WE HAD FINISHED ALL OUR REQUIRED COURSES AT THE COMERICAN UNIVERSITY...
AND WERE PREPARING TO GO BACK TO JAPAN.


MINA-
MOTO
...!!
HEY,
MINA-
MOTO!!
PLEASE!
A Comerican University's
College of Medicine
ESP Graduate Studies 3 Years Ago

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THIS IS
OUR
LAST
CHANCE
FOR A
GROUP
DATE!
...THE
NUMBER OF
ETHNICITIES
IN THAT LIST
MAKES
YOUR
INTENT A
LITTLE
OBVIOUS.
JODY,
CHRIS, AND
KUSHANA
SAID THEY'D
COME...
AMELIA,
WON LEE...
IF YOU
COME
ALONG...

I CAN'T JUST GO OUT AND PARTY.
...AND I'M STILL A MINOR.
YOU'RE FREE TO DECIDE WHAT YOU WANT TO DO!
TSK.
TSK.
TSK.
DON'T BE SO UPTIGHT!
ISN'T THIS COMERICA!?
AND CHANGE IT TO BE LIKE YOU!?
WA HA HA HA HA
GET RID OF THE "SHY JAPANESE BOY" STEREOTYPE, RIGHT!?
WE NEED TO TRY HARD TO...
15
!?
BUT YOU'RE WASTING THE FACT THAT YOU WERE BORN A MAN...
SFX: Boom!!

DID SOMETHING HAPPEN IN THE RESEARCH BUILDING ...!?
SOME-ONE'S POWERS PROBABLY WENT BERSERK
I HEARD THAT THEY'VE STARTED SOME PRETTY RISKY EXPERIMENTS.
IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE ESP COMPETITION THAT COMERICAN COLLEGES ARE RANKED BY.
YEAH.
RISKY EXPERI-MENTS...?
16
APPARENTLY THEY'RE TRYING TO FORCE PSYCHIC POWERS OUT OF PEOPLE, BUT...
IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT THEY'LL LET FOREIGNERS LIKE US SEE...

U-
UWAAH!?
MINA-
MOTO!?

.....!?
18
AHH-MAHHH?
PUHHH
♡
AHHH

Vestiges (3)

3rd sense. 面影(3)

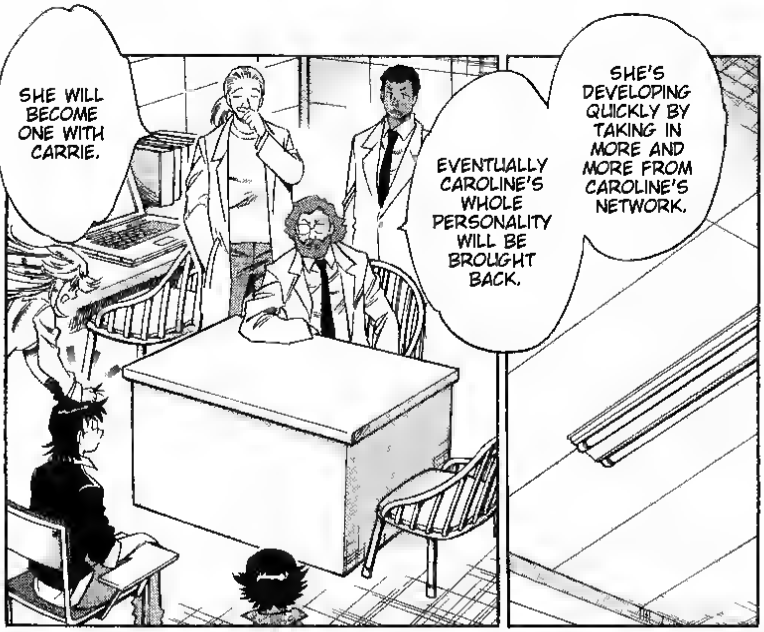
WAS THAT WHEN...
CARRIE WAS BORN?
...
HUH ...!?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN!?
I DON'T CARE! JUST GET AWAY FROM HIM!!
NO!!

GO ON, GO ON!
SHH. WE'RE TRYING TO LISTEN TO THE STORY!!
UMM, WELL...
BUT SHE HAD ANOTHER POWER SLEEPING WITHIN HER.
CAROLINE WAS A GRADUATE STUDENT...
AND SHE WAS A TELEPATH.
3
TO TAKE PART IN EXPERIMENTS TO ARTIFICIALLY FORCE OUT THE OTHER POWER.
GAVE HER A SCHOLAR-SHIP TO CONVINCE HER...
SO AT THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT, THE UNIVERSITY...

OF COURSE, SHE WAS AWARE OF THE RISKS WHEN SHE CONSENTED.
...PLEASE UNDER-STAND.
WE HAD TO DO THIS.
...I THOUGHT THIS WAS AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION, PROFESSOR.
DID THEY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE UNIVER-SITY'S FINANCIAL STATUS?
SINCE WHEN DO UNIVER-SITIES ACT AS SUBCON-TRACTORS FOR THE PENTAGON?
4
YOU SAID THAT SHE WAS A GRADUATE STUDENT...
AT ANY RATE....
WHAT HAPPENED?

AHHH
DE-HHH
BUT SHE'S ACTING LIKE SHE'S A BABY.
OW, OW...
COULD YOU STOP THAT? IT HURTS.
CAROLINE HAD A SLEEPING DISPOSITION FOR PSYCHO-KINESIS.
WE WERE TRYING TO AWAKEN IT WITH ELECTRICAL STIMULI...
BUT SHE'S BEEN LIKE THIS EVER SINCE.
AHHH!

HER PSYCHO-KINESIS AWAKENED AND IN EXCHANGE ...
HER TELEPATHY IS GONE.
HER MEMORIES AND PERSONALITY DISAPPEARED, TOO. THAT MAKES HER VERY MUCH LIKE A BABY.
WHAT HAPPENED?
HMM... THIS IS BAD.
WHEN THE NEW ACTIVITY IN HER ESP CENTER BEGAN...
IT LOOKS LIKE A NEW PERSONALITY WAS BORN.
IT'S ON A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT NETWORK FROM HER NORMAL MEMORIES.
YES.
WE'VE BEEN...
CALLING HER "CARRIE".
BU-HHH?
CARRIE ...


SHE WILL BECOME ONE WITH CARRIE.
EVENTUALLY CAROLINE'S WHOLE PERSONALITY WILL BE BROUGHT BACK.
SHE'S DEVELOPING QUICKLY BY TAKING IN MORE AND MORE FROM CAROLINE'S NETWORK.

"CARRIE" WILL DISAPPEAR AND "CAROLINE" WILL BE BACK TO NORMAL.
WE THEORIZE THAT, AT THAT TIME...

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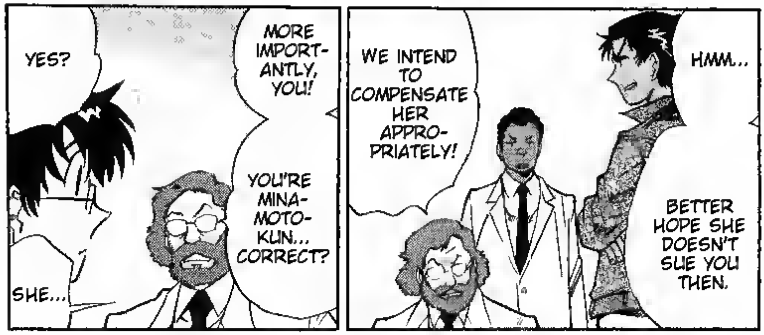
YES?
MORE IMPORT-ANTLY, YOU!
YOU'RE MINA-MOTO-KUN..., CORRECT?
SHE...
WE INTEND TO COMPENSATE HER APPRO-PRIATELY!
HMM...
BETTER HOPE SHE DOESN'T SUE YOU THEN.

SEEMS TO HAVE TAKEN A LIKING TO YOU.
DAHHH
UUHHH
I-IS THAT SO?
HOW ABOUT IT?
IT SHOULD TAKE A MONTH OR TWO FOR HER TO RECOVER.
WILL YOU HELP US?
EH...
BUT...
CARRIE HAS A PRETTY STRONG FEAR OF STRANGERS.
SHE DOESN'T SEEM TO LIKE US.
PLEASE!
WE DON'T WANT HER TO DESTROY THE UNIVERSITY ANY MORE.
YAAAAH!!

OH!?
MUHHH?
...I'M NOT SURE.
9
KYA HA HA HA HA.
MYAAHH ♡
I DON'T REALLY HAVE THE FREE TIME...
HMM...
IT'S LIKE HE WAS BORN TO TAKE CARE OF KIDS...!!
YEAH.
BUT FORGET ABOUT HIM...
EHHH? NO...
SO KOUICHI'S NOT COMING?

DON'T SPREAD RANDOM RUMORS!!
HE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE INTERESTED IN GIRLS...
HEY!
HI! ♡
HM?
HI, KOUICHI! ♡
IS IT FOR "CARRIE"?
A KID'S BOOK...?
WHO'S THAT?
CARRIE?
ARE YOU WORKING AS A BABYSITTER?
BEFORE LONG, I WON'T NEED THESE ANYMORE, BUT...
SHE'S ADVANCING QUITE QUICKLY...
JUST LIKE THE PROFESSOR SAID SHE WOULD.

WHY DO YOU ENJOY THIS SO MUCH!?
NO...
SHE'S HIS KID...
!
KOUICHI!!
LET'S PLAY, LET'S PLAY, LET'S PLAY!!
H-HEY ...!!

YEAH!!
LIKE THIS.
...WITH A BOWLING BALL?
DON'T LIKE BOOKS!!
WANNA PLAY!!
THIS MORNING, YOU PROMISED TO READ A BOOK, RIGHT?
DODGE-BALL!!
CAN'T PLAY THAT TOGETHER.
NO, WE...
I'D DIE.
KYA HA HA HA.
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NO!!
PLAY!!
WORKS AS A SHORTCUT FOR UNIFYING YOUR BRAIN FUNCTIONS...!!
DEVELOPING YOUR LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS...
FIRST, READ THIS BOOK.

IF CARRIE GETS SMART...
CARRIE WILL DISAPPEAR, RIGHT!?
.....!!

NO, YOU WON'T DISAPPEAR...
YOU'LL UNIFY WITH YOUR ORIGINAL PERSONALITY.
IN OTHER WORDS, YOU'LL GO BACK TO NORMAL!

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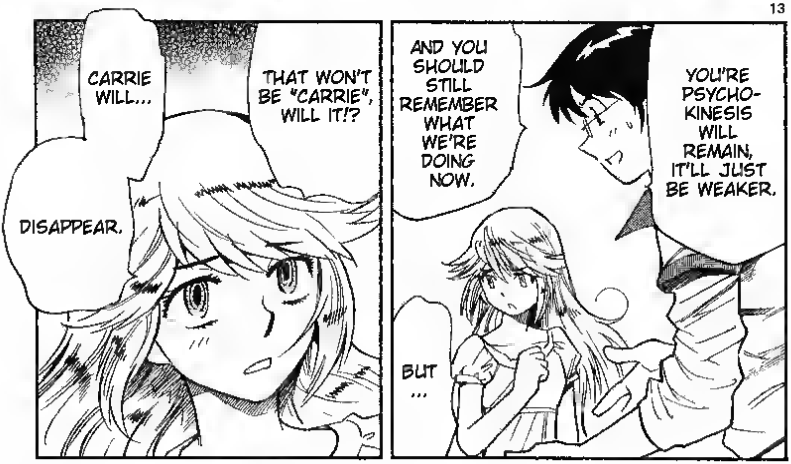
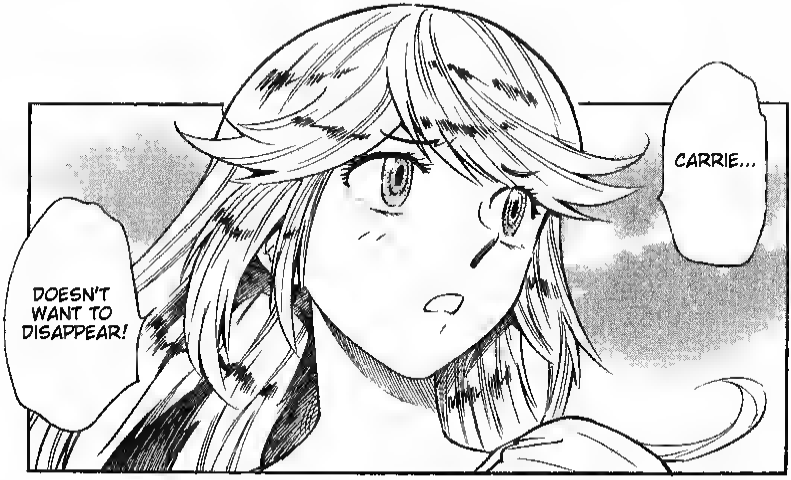

YOU'RE PSYCHOKINESIS WILL REMAIN, IT'LL JUST BE WEAKER.
AND YOU SHOULD STILL REMEMBER WHAT WE'RE DOING NOW.
BUT ...
THAT WON'T BE "CARRIE", WILL IT!?
CARRIE WILL...
DISAPPEAR.


CARRIE...
DOESN'T WANT TO DISAPPEAR!
CARRIE.
.....

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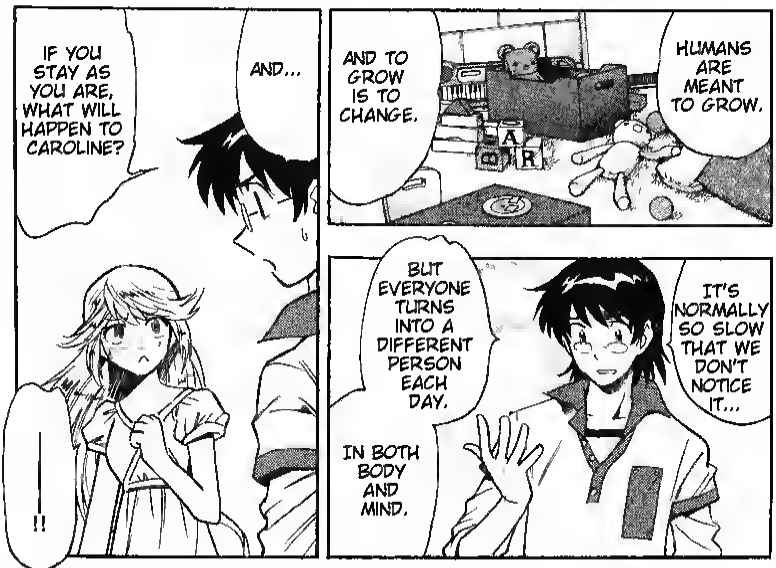
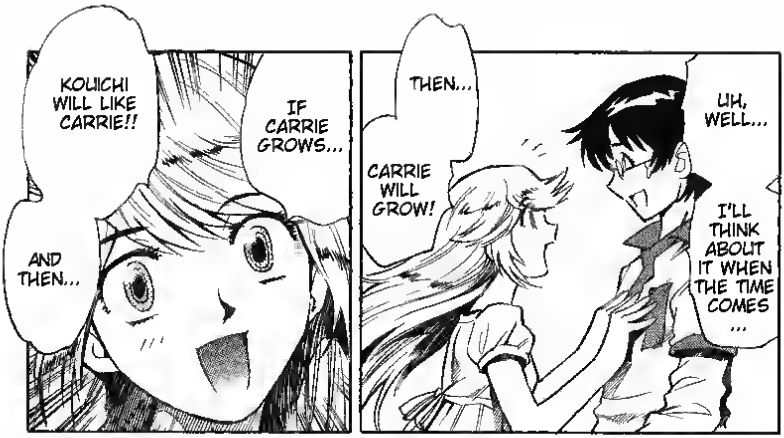

IF YOU STAY AS YOU ARE, WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO CAROLINE?
AND...
!!
AND TO GROW IS TO CHANGE.
HUMANS ARE MEANT TO GROW.
BUT EVERYONE TURNS INTO A DIFFERENT PERSON EACH DAY.
IN BOTH BODY AND MIND.
IT'S NORMALLY SO SLOW THAT WE DON'T NOTICE IT...

DOES KOUICHI...
HATE CARRIE?
EH...?
OF COURSE NOT!
THEN...
IF CARRIE KEEPS GROWING...
WILL KOUICHI MARRY CARRIE!?
EH?


KOUICHI WILL LIKE CARRIE!!
IF CARRIE GROWS...
AND THEN...
THEN...
CARRIE WILL GROW!
UH, WELL...
I'LL THINK ABOUT IT WHEN THE TIME COMES ...

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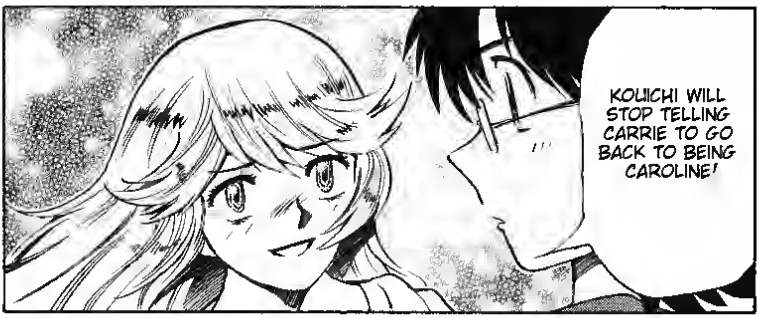
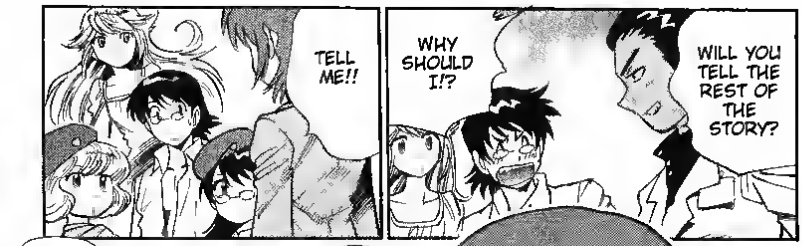

KOUICHI WILL STOP TELLING CARRIE TO GO BACK TO BEING CAROLINE!

SO DO I.
...I SEE WHERE THIS IS GOING.

SAKAKI!!
HOW COULD YOU DO THAT WITH THE CHILD IN YOUR CARE!
MINA-MOTO-HAN'S IMPURE!!
SO IT WAS AFTER THAT...
AND WHY ARE THERE SO MANY PEOPLE HERE!?
THAT YOU STARTED DATING!?
ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU WON'T DO ANYTHING TO US!!


TELL ME!!
WHY SHOULD I!?
WILL YOU TELL THE REST OF THE STORY?

KAORU-CHAN...?
WHAT HAPPENED?
AS YOU BROUGHT CARRIE UP...
WELL...
UMMM ...

THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED ABOUT A MONTH LATER.
CARRIE'S MIND WAS CATCHING UP TO HER BODY... FASTER THAN WAS EXPECTED.
I'VE...
KOUICHI?
FINALLY CAUGHT UP WITH YOU, HAVEN'T I?
!!
CARRIE...!!

4th sense.
面影(おもかげ)(4)

YESTERDAY I LEARNED FRENCH.
I LEARNED HOW TO READ GERMAN TODAY.
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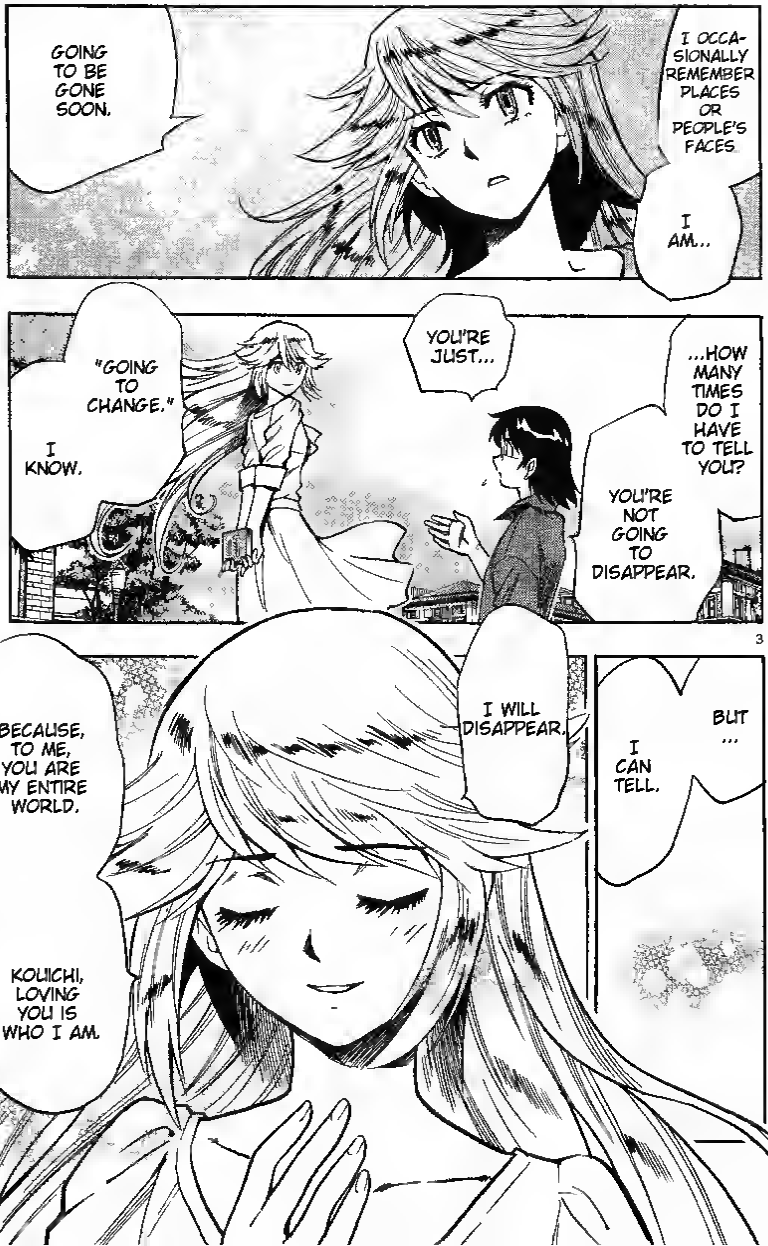
BUT I FEEL LIKE IT'S NOT ME LEARNING IT.
IT'S ALL CAROLINE'S KNOWLEDGE, ISN'T IT?
CARRIE ...


GOING TO BE GONE SOON.
I OCCASIONALLY REMEMBER PLACES OR PEOPLE'S FACES.
I AM...
"GOING TO CHANGE."
I KNOW.
YOU'RE JUST...
...HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU?
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DISAPPEAR.
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BECAUSE, TO ME, YOU ARE MY ENTIRE WORLD.
I WILL DISAPPEAR.
BUT ... I CAN TELL.
KOUICHI, LOVING YOU IS WHO I AM.

UNLIKE ME, SHE HAS MEMORIES THAT AREN'T ABOUT YOU.
I WON'T LOVE YOU IN THE SAME WAY.
ONCE CAROLINE RETURNS ...
THERE'S A HIGH POSSIBILITY SHE'LL FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU TOO.
BUT...
I'M SURE SHE'LL THINK YOU'RE CUTE, TOO.
YOU FELL IN LOVE WITH ME DUE TO SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.
YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND IT NOW.
I'M NOT REALLY THAT GREAT A GUY.
I'D BE HAPPY IF SHE DID.
.....
BUT...
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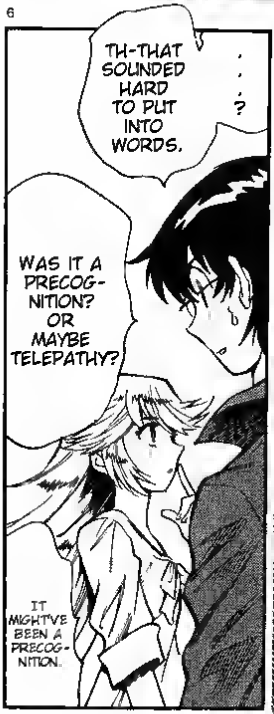
HOW RUDE.
OH,

I REMEMBER WHEN I FIRST MET YOU.
AT THAT TIME...
I SAW A LARGE PAIR OF WINGS BEHIND YOU.

WINGS...?
YES.
THEY SEEMED TO BE THERE TO PROTECT SOMETHING PRECIOUS.
AND I FELT SOME KIND OF... STRONG POWER.

SOMETHING WAS BY YOUR SIDE, ATTRACTED BY YOUR KIND-NESS.
WHEN I SAW THAT, I KNEW I COULD TRUST YOU.
EVEN THOUGH I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT IT WAS.


TH-THAT SOUNDED HARD TO PUT INTO WORDS.
. . . ?
WAS IT A PRECOG-NITION? OR MAYBE TELEPATHY?
IT MIGHT'VE BEEN A PRECOG-NITION.

I'M SURE IT IS WAITING FOR YOU SOMEWHERE IN THIS WORLD.
I THINK IT MUST HAVE BEEN AN ANGEL.

HEY,
HOW ABOUT WE TRY IT?
!!
I COULD PROBABLY USE MORE THAN ONE POWER AT THE SAME TIME RIGHT AFTER I WOKE UP.
I DO KNOW IT WASN'T JUST MY INSTINCTS. I USED SOME KIND OF TELEPATHIC POWER.
SINCE CAROLINE IS CLOSE TO WAKING UP, I THINK I CAN USE HER TELEPATHY.
TRY WHAT!?
I MIGHT FIGURE OUT WHAT I SAW BACK THEN...
IF I USE IT ON YOU AGAIN...
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.....
...YOU DON'T WANT ME TO?
...YOU'RE GOING TO PEER INTO MY HEART?
LET'S DO IT.
OKAY!!

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EXCELLENT JOB ON THE OPERATION, SHUUJI!
YOUR POWERS ARE AMAZING, BUT YOUR INSTINCTS ARE EVEN BETTER.
YOU'RE SURE TO GET A GREAT RECEPTION ON ANY MEDICAL TEAM!
I'D LOVE IT IF YOU WOULD STAY HERE.
...THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
HA HA HA.
OH, HOW'D YOU KNOW?
YOU MISS THE GIRLS NOT THE COUNTRY, RIGHT?
BUT I WANT TO GO BACK TO JAPAN.
IT'S THE COUNTRY I WAS BORN IN.
!
SAKAKI-KUN!

DO YOU KNOW WHERE MINAMOTO-KUN IS!?
HE SHOULD BE WITH "CARRIE"...
NO, I DON'T.
WHAT HAPPENED?
I CAN'T...
BUT YOU'RE A PSYCHO-METER, RIGHT?
REALLY SAY IT HERE.
SO...
!
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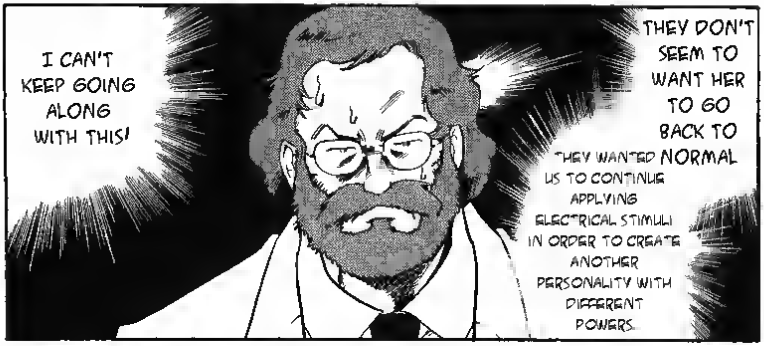
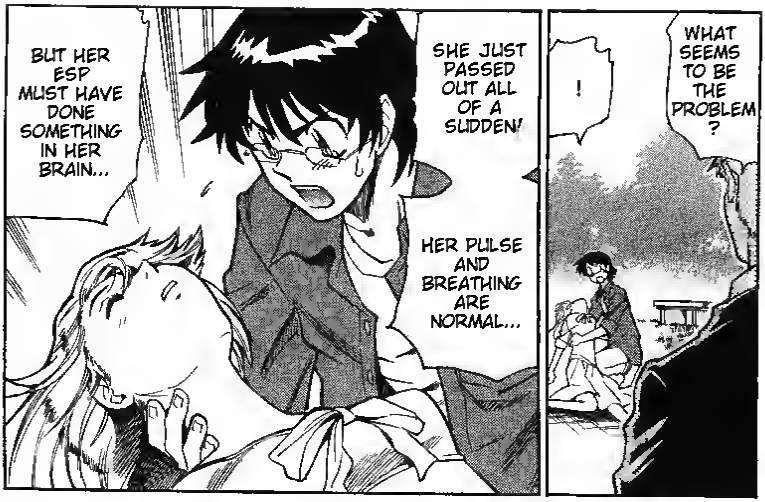
!!
THE PENTAGON PLANS ON TAKING "CARRIE" FROM US!
THEY'RE PRESSURING US TO HAND HER OVER!
WE REFUSED, BUT THEY'VE PROBABLY SENT THE SPECIAL FORCES AFTER HER!!

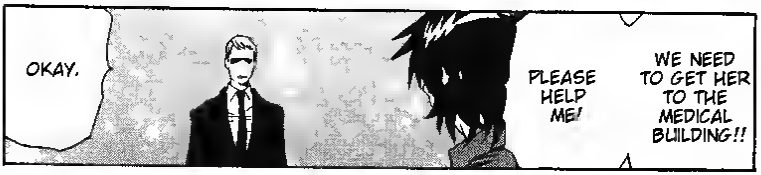

I CAN'T KEEP GOING ALONG WITH THIS!
THEY DON'T SEEM TO WANT HER TO GO BACK TO NORMAL
THEY WANTED US TO CONTINUE APPLYING ELECTRICAL STIMULI IN ORDER TO CREATE ANOTHER PERSONALITY WITH DIFFERENT POWERS.

TCH.
THIS IS A PROBLEM ...!!

CARRIE!?

GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF ...!!
HEY, WHAT HAPPENED!?


BUT HER ESP MUST HAVE DONE SOMETHING IN HER BRAIN...
SHE JUST PASSED OUT ALL OF A SUDDEN!
HER PULSE AND BREATHING ARE NORMAL...
!
WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE PROBLEM?


OKAY.
PLEASE HELP ME!
WE NEED TO GET HER TO THE MEDICAL BUILDING!!

LET'S GO.
I JUST SO HAPPEN TO HAVE A CAR.

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WHO ARE YOU PEOPLE!?
WHA...?
WHAT'S GOING ON!?
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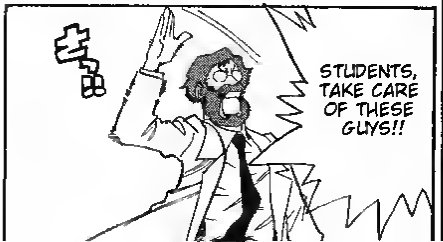
!?
IS THAT SO!?
WE DON'T INTEND TO HARM YOU.
DON'T WORRY.

THREE MONTHS IN THE HOSPITAL FOR LYING!!
NGAH!
LOOKS LIKE IT'S 4 MONTHS.
OH, MY BAD!
MINA-MOTO!!
GET IN!!
SH-SHIT.
WE WON'T LET YOU!!

GOING AGAINST DOCTOR'S ORDERS, HUH?
THAT MAKES IT 6 MONTHS!
AMBULANCE
EMERGENCY
WAIT...
WHAT'S GOING ON!?
PLEASE TELL ME!!
I'LL EXPLAIN LATER!!

SFX on either side of the professor: Don!!



YEAH
HEY
ME
READY...
SET!!
YES, PROFESSOR!!
IF WE IMMOBILIZE THEM, YOU'LL GIVE EACH OF US A CREDIT, RIGHT!!?
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NOW DO YOU SEE THE POWER OF A COLLEGE PROFESSOR !?
GYAAAH !?
KEEEL!!
NAGOOOL!
HUT HUT HUT HUT HUT!!

I'M NOT REALLY SURE.
BUT SHE'S STILL USING TELE-PATHY.
HOW IS SHE?

THEY'RE SURE TO BE AFTER US SOON.
THIS IS BAD.
IF SHE CAN'T USE HER PSYCHO-KINESIS AND DOESN'T GO BACK TO BEING CAROLINE ...!!
NO...
NOTHING ...
I THINK SHE'S STILL IN YOU.
CAN YOU FEEL ANY-THING?

NO...
LET'S SEE IF SHE'LL HELP US!
THERE'S A TELEPORTER IN THE DEPART-MENT OVER THERE

...WE DON'T HAVE THAT MUCH TIME!!

5th sense.
面影(5)

APPREHEND THE TARGET!!
C-TEAM, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO FIRE WARNING SHOTS!!
D-TEAM, LAND AND SET UP A PERIMETER!!

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ROGER!!
IF HE RESISTS, SHOOT HIM!
ONE OF THE MEN IS A PSYCHO-METER!

!!
YOU CAN'T SHOOT ME WITHOUT MY AUTHORIZ-ATION!!
I HEARD THAT, YOU PIECES OF SHIT!!

UGYAAH!!
YOU BASTARD!!
KH...
TWO OR THREE OF 'EM LEFT...
W-WAIT!!

WE'RE OUT-NUMBERED!!
YOU NEED TO ESCAPE!
YOU DON'T NEED TO RISK YOUR LIFE FOR US!!
.....
THAT'S TRUE.
BUT...
WHAT I'M DOING NOW IS FOR MY PERSONAL ENTERTAIN-MENT!
I'M NOT DOING IT FOR YOU!

SAKAKI ...!!
HEH!
THAT SAKAKI GUY...
ISN'T HE A LEVEL 6 PSYCHO-METER?

"6"?
SO HE CAN READ ANYTHING ABOUT US JUST BY TOUCHING US?
I HEARD HE STOLE OTHER PEOPLE'S THESIS IDEAS IN JAPAN.

NO MATTER WHAT COUNTRY YOU GO TO...
THEY'RE ALL PRETTY MUCH THE SAME...
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SAKAKI-SAN!!
I WON'T LET YOU...
DO THAT KIND OF THING!!

.....
YOU WANT SOME TOO, LITTLE BOY!?
DO YOU THINK I'M GONNA CHANGE BECAUSE YOU LECTURE ME IN JAPANESE !?
YOU'RE JAPANESE, TOO?
!!
OF COURSE YOU'RE GOING TO WIN FIGHTS!!
YOU CAN READ PEOPLE'S MOVEMENTS BEFOREHAND AND STRIKE BACK.
YOU'RE A PSYCHO-METER.

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WHEN YOU TOUCH PEOPLE YOU DON'T JUST UNDER-STAND...
WHAT THEY'LL DO NEXT, YOU SEE INTO THEIR HEARTS AS WELL...!!
!!
EVERY-ONE HAS WEAK-NESSES IN THEIR HEARTS.
YOU'RE AFRAID OF SOMEONE BEING BETTER THAN YOU.
EVEN THOUGH YOU SURPASS MOST ANYONE...

YOU'RE NOT A CHILD!!
YOU CAN'T JUST THINK ABOUT YOURSELF. YOU HAVE TO THINK ABOUT YOUR OPPONENT AS WELL!
AH!!
I GUESS THAT'S TRUE...
UH, NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...
9
HE LET ME HIT HIM SO HE COULD SEND ME HIS THOUGHT WAVE!?
THIS GUY...!!
!!
AND HE'S YOUNGER THAN ME...
I'M PRETTY SURE HIS NAME IS MINAMOTO...
HE'S ONE OF THE ESP GRADUATE STUDENTS.
HE CAN GIVE ONE HELL OF A LECTURE ...!!

...AND THEN!!
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I SAID, "LEAVE THIS TO ME!!"
NO.
WE DON'T CARE ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU.
THEN I LEAPT BACK OUT INTO THE RAIN OF BULLETS AND...
10
DID SHE DIE!?
DID CARRIE DIE!?
WHAT HAPPENED TO CARRIE!?
DON'T ASK ME...
"SH-"
THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT YOU.

OBVIOUSLY WE MANAGED TO ESCAPE SAFELY.
IT WAS THANKS TO CARRIE.
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WHAT'S WRONG!?
W-WAAH!?
THE CONTROLS WON'T RESPOND ...!
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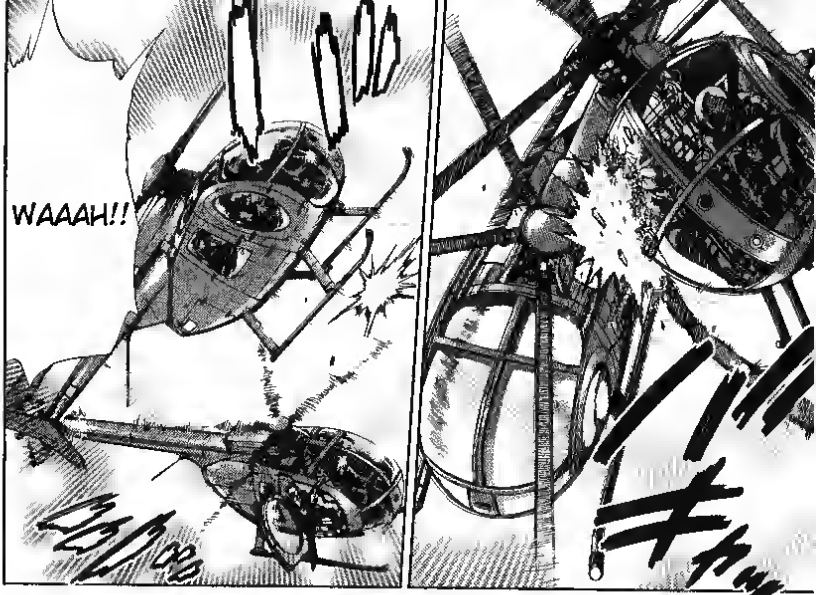
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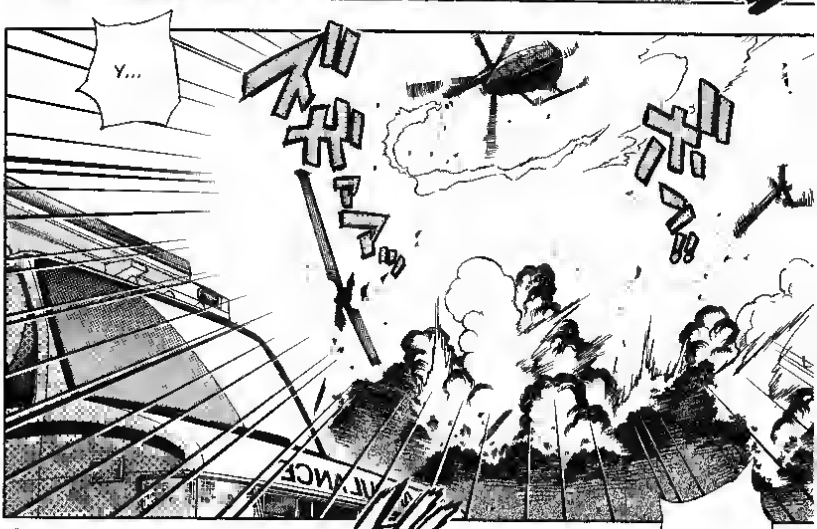
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YOU...!?

SHE'S REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS!?
I'M NOT SURE!!
SHE ISN'T RESPONDING WHEN I TALK TO HER!
13
IS SHE PROTECTING US WHILE STILL UNCONSCIOUS?
!
SHE'S STILL USING TELEPATHY ....!!
.....!!
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!?
MINA-
MOTO
...!?
.....
!?
I
FEEL...
WEAK
ALL OF A
SUDDEN...
THIS IS
WEIRD...!!
WHAT'S
WRONG
NOW!?
DON'T
MOVE!!
SHIT.
I'M
GOING
IN TOO!!

WHY ARE YOU CRYING?
...I DON'T UNDER-STAND.
AND NOT UNDER-STANDING MAKES ME SAID.

YOU'VE GONE IN THIS FAR!?
H-HEY!!
THIS IS THE DEEPEST PART OF MINA-MOTO'S MIND!!
YOU NEED TO COME BACK!!
THAT'S WHY YOU NEED TO BE QUIET.
SHH.
IF AN UNSKILLED ESPER COMES HERE, THERE'S A RISK THAT THEY'LL NEVER GET OUT.
IF YOU SCREW UP, IT COULD EVEN AFFECT MINA-MOTO...
!?
HEY...
.....

KOUICHI.
STOP CRYING WITHIN THE DEPTHS OF YOUR HEART.
IN THE END...
I DIDN'T LEARN ANYTHING ABOUT THE "ANGEL", BUT...
YOU DON'T NEED TO UNDER-STAND.
IT'S OKAY FOR YOU TO BE SAD.

BUT WHEN YOU ARE, DON'T CRY ALONE.
THERE ARE PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD WHO LOVE YOU.
SO...

IF YOU WANT TO CRY, CRY WITH THEM.
!!?
KOUICHI, IT'S OKAY FOR YOU...
TO BE HERE, TO BE LIKE THIS.
WHAT!?
WHY AM I CRYING ...!?

EVEN WHEN I DISAPPEAR...

6th sense. 面影(おもかげ)(6)

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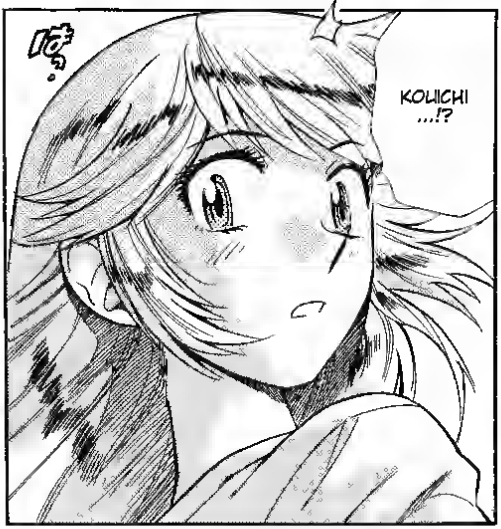

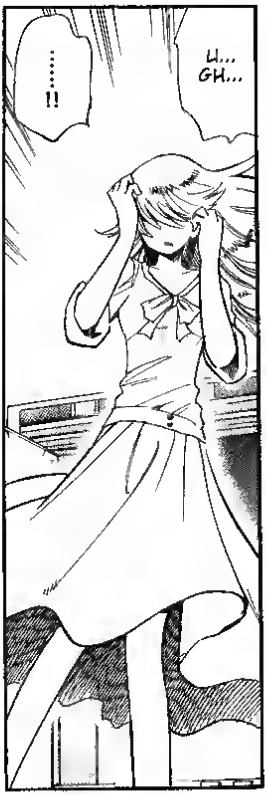

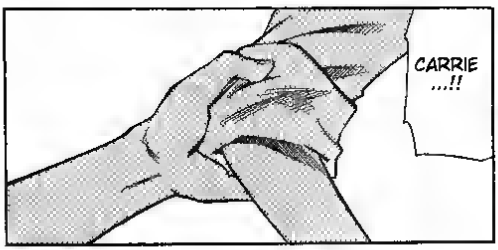

Vestiges (6)

6th sense.
面影(6)

I DON'T KNOW...!!
BUT...
I CAN'T STOP LOVING YOU...!!
...WHAT IS IT, KOUICHI?
I'M SO GLAD WE MET...!!
THANK YOU...!!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON...
.....

!
BUT I HAVE NO URGE TO TOUCH YOU AND FIND OUT.
I'VE HAD ENOUGH ALREADY!
IT'S NOT LIKE CARRIE DID ANYTHING SPECIAL WITH HER POWERS.
CARRIE ONLY RETURNED KOUICHI'S KINDNESS!
WHAT DID YOU DO TO MINAMOTO!?
C-CARRIE!?
!!
.....
AND HUGGED KOUICHI A LOT! ♡
RIGHT?
CARRIE WENT ON A DATE INSIDE KOUICHI'S HEART.

"CAROLINE" WILL WAKE UP.
IF CARRIE USES TELEPATHY A LOT...
...OH. THAT.
WHY ARE YOU TALKING LIKE THAT?
!!
...BUT.
CARRIE IS FINE WITH DISAPPEAR-ING NOW.
BECAUSE KOUICHI HUGGED CARRIE...
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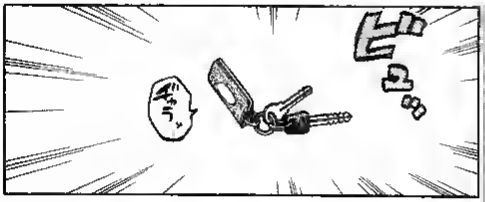
HOW MUCH... LONGER?
DUNNO.
NOT LONG.

I KNEW IT ALL ALONG...
WHY DIDN'T I RESPOND TO IT SOONER...?

IN THAT INSTANT...
I REALIZED YOU WERE SPECIAL TO ME.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GO.
YOU DON'T WANT TO WASTE THE TIME YOU HAVE LEFT, DO YOU?

CARRIE.
I'M SORRY.

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SAKAKI...
THANK YOU.
I'LL WALK HOME!
BE WITH HER TO THE VERY LAST SECOND.

WHEN YOU HAVE PSYCHIC POWERS, HAVING SOMEONE BE TRULY IN LOVE WITH YOU IS RARE.
IT'S NOT TOO LATE.
.....

AH, BUT FIRST...
NOW THEN...
TIME TO GIVE FALSE INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

I'M GOING TO VIOLENTLY STOP YOU FROM DOING THIS EVEN IF I GET SUED!!
MINAMOTO IS GETTING IT ON WITH-
I NEED TO EMAIL EVERYONE THAT...

I JUST LENT YOU MY MIND, NOT MY BODY.
IT'S OKAY.
...YEAH.
SORRY FOR MAKING YOU DO THIS BEFORE YOU LEAVE.
SO YOU MET WITH CARRIE?
REALLY! I SWEAR!!
N-NO, WE DIDN'T!!
SPEAKING OF WHICH, DID YOU DO CAUSE ANYTHING PHYSICAL TIRING? WEARINESS IS PASSED ON TO ME.
YOU'RE SO CUTE, KOUICHI. ……
I WONDER WHY I CAN'T THINK OF YOU AS ANY MORE THAN A FRIEND...
IF, BACK THEN, YOU HAD TOLD CARRIE...
CARO-LINE.
IT'S SUCH A SHAME.

THANKS FOR EVERY-THING, KOUICHI.
I'M IN YOUR DEBT.
...YOU'RE RIGHT.
DON'T THINK ABOUT "IFS".
YOU HAD TOLD CARRIE HOW YOU FELT...
IF...
AND THEN I MIGHT LOVE YOU NOW.
SHE WOULD HAVE COMBINED WITH ME AND GROWN UP...
EVEN NOW, I MAY BE PARTIALLY A DIFFERENT PERSON THAN I WAS.
IF THAT HAD HAPPENED, NEITHER CARRIE NOR MYSELF WOULD HAVE BEEN THE SAME.

BUT...
I DO KNOW SHE WILL NEVER TRULY DISAPPEAR FROM ME.
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IN THE END...
MINA-MOTO...
LET HER GO.

CAROLINE CAN'T SACRIFICE HER DREAMS AND HER LIFE FOR HIM.
...BUT NOTHING COULD BE DONE.
DO YOU THINK THAT'S WHAT CARRIE WANTED?
YEAH! HE LOVED HER, SO HE SHOULDN'T HOLD BACK!!
YOU WANTED HIM TO SAY "DON'T GO" OR "DON'T DISAPPEAR" OR SOMETHING?

DON'T YOU THINK...
THIS IS WRONG ...?
BUT I WANTED HIM TO SAY IT!!
I KNOW THAT!

IF IT WERE ME...
IF SHE'S THE MOST PRECIOUS PERSON IN THE WORLD TO HIM...

CAROLINE HELPED CARRIE...
CARRIE IS GLAD SHE COULD MEET KOUICHI WITH THE LAST OF HER POWER.
CARRIE WAS SUPPOSED TO BECOME ONE WITH CAROLINE...
BUT CARRIE DIDN'T.

BUT CARRIE WANTED THE MEMORIES OF KOUICHI TO BE CARRIE'S ONLY.
CARRIE IS SORRY SHE DIDN'T TRY TO GROW FURTHER.
15
BUT PLEASE DON'T FORGET, KOUICHI.
CARRIE DOESN'T THINK SHE WILL WAKE UP, SO THIS IS GOODBYE.
CARRIE ...
CARRIE IS INSIDE CAROLINE SLEEPING.
CARRIE DOESN'T REMEMBER, BUT CARRIE THINKS SHE DREAMS OF KOUICHI.

WE WILL MEET AGAIN IN A DREAM.
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BECAUSE CARRIE IS NOW AN ANGEL...
AND WILL ALWAYS BE WITH KOUICHI.
!!

I'M THE ONE THAT WANTED WINGS...!!
I...
NEEDED TO PROTECT YOU WITH THEM...!!

I COULDN'T SAY IT THEN, I COULDN'T SAY IT NOW.
I JUST CAN'T SAY IT.
"I JUST WANT TO BE WITH YOU."
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!!
MINA-MOTO-HAN!

IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE MADE IT INTO ORBIT SAFELY.
THANKS FOR SEEING HER OFF.
!!

IDIOT IDIOT IDIOT IDIOT IDIOT...!!
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SHE'S NOT FEELING WELL.
YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT HER TOO MUCH.
IF IT ALL HAP-PENED AGAIN...
IMAGINE THAT?
D-DID I...
"I SEE"? THAT'S NOT IT, YOU IDIOT!!
THIS IS WHY YOU'RE SO ANNOYING!!
...I SEE.
SHE'S JUST JEALOUS!
WHAT ...
WOULD I DO?

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Black Phantom (1)

7th sense.

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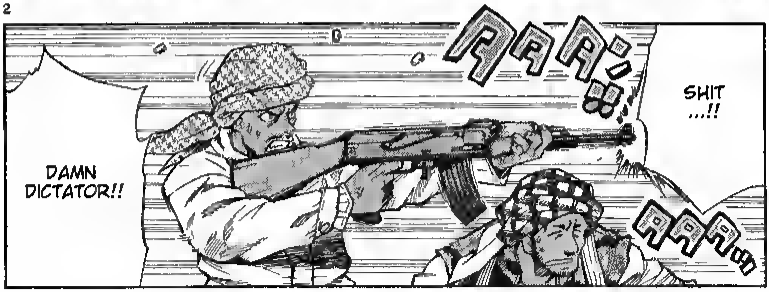

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HA HA HA HA HA HA!!
YOU ANTI-GOVERN-MENT SCUM!!
THOSE WHO DARE OPPOSE ME WILL BE CRUSHED LIKE BUGS!
YOU'RE NAIVE FOOLS TO THINK I'D GIVE YOU FREEDOM AND EQUALITY!
BUT, SIR...
WE MAY GREATLY OVERPOWER THEM IN MILITARY MIGHT...
BUT WE'VE RECEIVED INTEL THAT THEY'VE HIRED A HIGH LEVEL ESPER...

HA!
MY ARMY HAS ESPERS TOO!
I THOUGHT THIS MIGHT HAPPEN, SO I PAID A LOT OF MONEY...
SO THAT I WOULD HAVE ESPER PROTECTION AROUND THE CLOCK!!
ESPER
ESPER
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WHAT ...!?
WH...

BYAH!!

SIR!!
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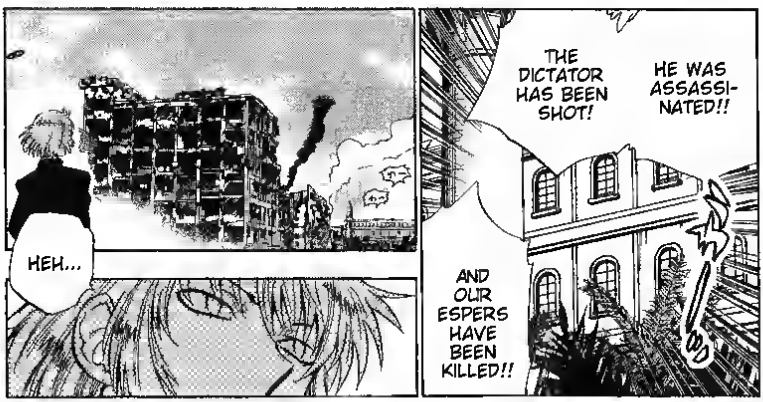
HEH...
AND OUR ESPERS HAVE BEEN KILLED!!
THE DICTATOR HAS BEEN SHOT!
HE WAS ASSASSI-NATED!!

WAS "HE" THE ONE WHO DID THIS?
IF HE HAD HIRED US, HE WOULDN'T HAVE DIED.
WHAT A FOOLISH MAN.
THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU'RE STINGY.
YES.
NO DOUBT ABOUT IT.
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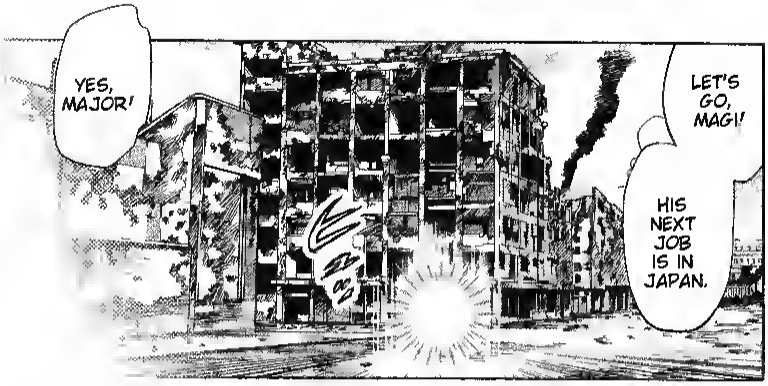
YES.
A WORTHY OPPONENT, DON'T YOU THINK?
HE STILL DOES HIS JOB...
EVEN THOUGH HE KNOWS WE'RE WATCHING HIM...


YES, MAJOR!
LET'S GO, MAG!
HIS NEXT JOB IS IN JAPAN.

NOW THEN...

YOU DON'T NEED TO GET SERIOUS IN THAT WAY!!!
TODAY I'M GONNA GET SERIOUS AND
WEAR MY LUCKY PANTIES...
HEY...
WE'RE CHANGING, MINAMOTO-HAN!
8
MINAMOTO-HAN, YOU PERVERT!
IF YOU WANT TO PEEK, JUST TELL US! ♡
TEE HEE ♡
KAORU TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE CONFUSION ...
AND BOUGHT UNDERWEAR IN MY NAME AS A BUSINESS EXPENSE!!
DON'T WEAR THEM AND GIVE THEM TO ME TO RETURN THEM!
NO...
THAT'S NOT IT...

SHUT UP!! I'M CONFISCATING THEM!!
NOOO!! MY PANTIES!!
女子ロッカールーム #15
HOW COULD YOU CHARGE SOMETHING LIKE THIS AS A BUSINESS EXPENSE!?
WHAT DO YOU THINK TAXES ARE FOR!?
AND HOW COULD THIS FLIMSY SCRAP OF CLOTH COST THAT MUCH!?

JUST PUT ON NORMAL PANTIES!!!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WEAR EROTIC OR STYLISH THINGS!!
STOP BEING SO PERVERTED!!
DO YOU WANT ME TO GO TO THE PARTY WITHOUT ANY PANTIES ON!?

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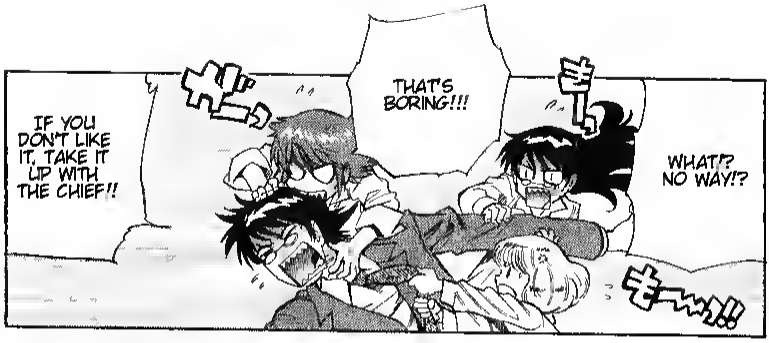
THE SPS AND THE MILITARY ESPERS WILL ACTUALLY BE GOING IN!
WE'RE NOT ACTUALLY ATTENDING IT!!
EH ...?
IS TO DEFEND THE PARTY!!
OUR MISSION...


IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, TAKE IT UP WITH THE CHIEF!!
THAT'S BORING!!!
WHAT!? NO WAY!?

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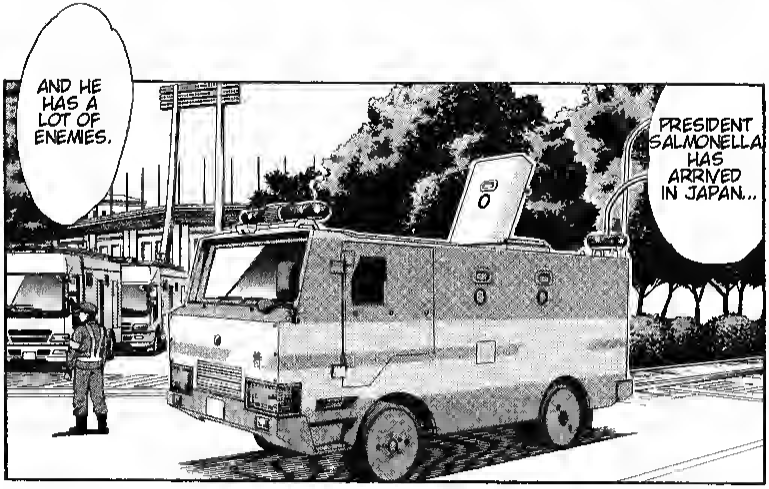
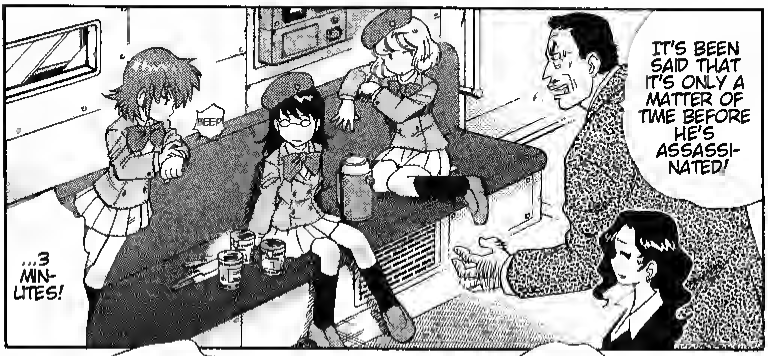
UMM... WELL, Y'SEE...

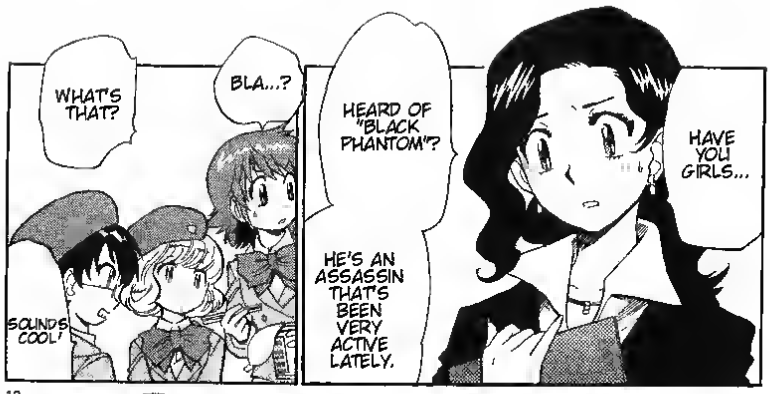

AND HE HAS A LOT OF ENEMIES.
PRESIDENT SALMONELLA HAS ARRIVED IN JAPAN...


BEEP
...3 MINUTES!
IT'S BEEN SAID THAT IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE HE'S ASSASSINATED!

11

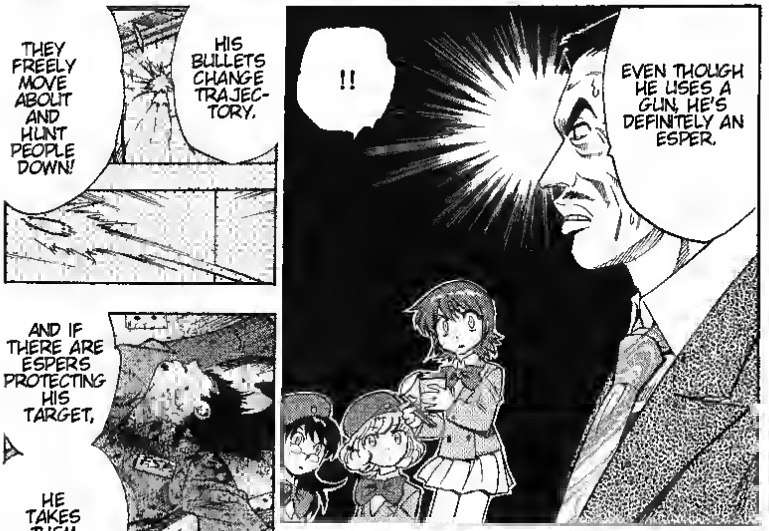
I WANTED TO EAT THE FOOD THERE...
I BET WE WOULD'VE LOOKED GOOD THERE...
HMM... ARE YOU LISTENING?

THE GOVERNMENT HAS ORDERED US TO PROTECT HIM WITH ALL OUR POWER...
AND WE CAN'T LET HIM BE KILLED IN JAPAN!
FOR THE SAKE OF OUR COUNTRY'S HONOR!!

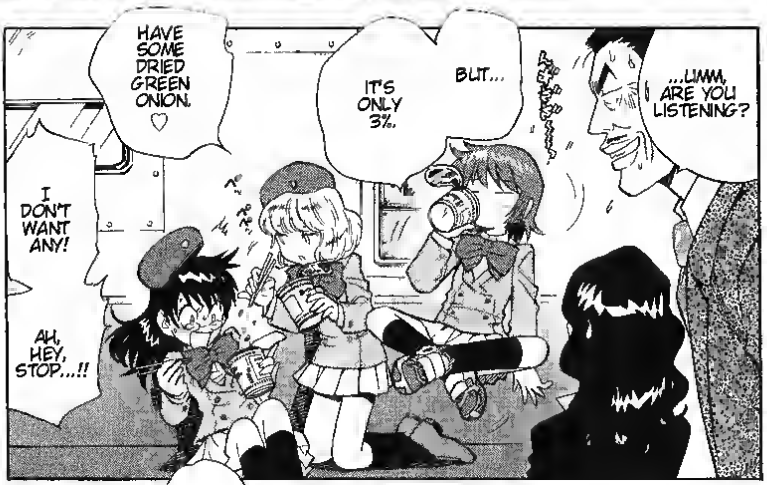

HAVE YOU GIRLS...
HEARD OF "BLACK PHANTOM"?
HE'S AN ASSASSIN THAT'S BEEN VERY ACTIVE LATELY.
BLA...?
WHAT'S THAT?
SOUNDS COOL!

12

THIS IS NO JOKE!
NO ONE KNOWS WHO HE IS, AND HE'S THE WORST KIND OF RUTHLESS MURDERER.
HE KILLS PEOPLE IN ONE SHOT FROM GREAT DISTANCES WITH A HIGH POWERED RIFLE.
BUT...


EVEN THOUGH HE USES A GUN, HE'S DEFINITELY AN ESPER.
!!
HIS BULLETS CHANGE TRAJECTORY.
THEY FREELY MOVE ABOUT AND HUNT PEOPLE DOWN!
AND IF THERE ARE ESPERS PROTECTING HIS TARGET,
HE TAKES THEM OUT FIRST.

BUT THAT'S A 3% CHANCE MANY LIVES ARE IN DANGER!!
PRECOG ONLY GAVE A 3% POSSIBILITY.
HE'S... AFTER THIS PRESIDENT!?
TO KEEP THINGS FROM GOING WRONG, WE'RE KEEPING YOU HERE AS A HIDDEN WEAPON...


HAVE SOME DRIED GREEN ONION. ♡
BUT...
IT'S ONLY 3%.
...UMM, ARE YOU LISTENING?
I DON'T WANT ANY!
AH, HEY, STOP...!!

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WELL...
IF WE'RE JUST BEING OVERLY CAUTIOUS, THIS IS FINE.
IT'S JUST...
NO CHILDREN KNOW HOW DEAR THEY ARE TO THEIR PARENTS.

THE GOVERNMENT AND THE DIET ARE PRESSURING US...
AND WE'RE STUCK BETWEEN PROTECTING THEM AND MAKING THEM USEFUL... HUH?
IF SOMETHING DOES HAPPEN, WE'LL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO USE THOSE LEVEL 7 GIRLS!

!
SIR.

14

HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU? IT'S NOT FOR ME!
YOU CAN'T RETURN IT...
BUT I DO THINK IT SUITS YOU VERY WELL, SIR. ♡
IS...
IS THAT SO?
THE PRICE TAG HAS ALREADY BEEN REMOVED...
YOU CAN'T RETURN THIS.

DAMN IT...
THAT WAS A WASTE OF TIME!!
AND THE PRESIDENT WILL BE HERE SOON!!
I NEED TO HURRY BACK!
THEY MAY BE LEVEL 7, BUT IT'S STILL TOO SOON FOR THEM...
TO GO ON A LIFE-THREATENING MISSION!!
WE'RE MAKING THEM DO THIS FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF ADULTS...
I AGREE.
YOU SHOULDN'T BE DOING THAT.
Y-YOU!!
!!

HYOUBU KYOUSUKE!!
HEY.
HOW HAVE YOU BEEN?
!!
16
I HAVE SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO TELL YOU.
DON'T GET SO WORKED UP AND LISTEN TO ME.
IT'S NO USE.

"BLACK PHANTOM" IS DEFINITELY COMING.
THE LOW PRECOG PERCENTAGE IS PROOF.
IT'S ALWAYS THAT WAY WHEN HE DOES A JOB.
HIS COMRADES USE ESP TO INTERFERE WITH THE RESULTS.
!!

BUT YOU NEED TO TAKE "THE CHILDREN" FAR FROM THERE!
I'LL GIVE YOU A REASON.
YOU...?
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS...?

WE'RE NOT THE ONLY ONES WHO USE ESP ILLEGALLY.
SO YOU COULD SAY THAT I'M SHOWING OFF MY POWER AS A BUSINESS RIVAL.
ALSO...

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THIS IS A TRULY "DIRTY JOB".
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I WON'T LET HIM AND "THE CHILDREN" FIGHT.
FOR SURE.

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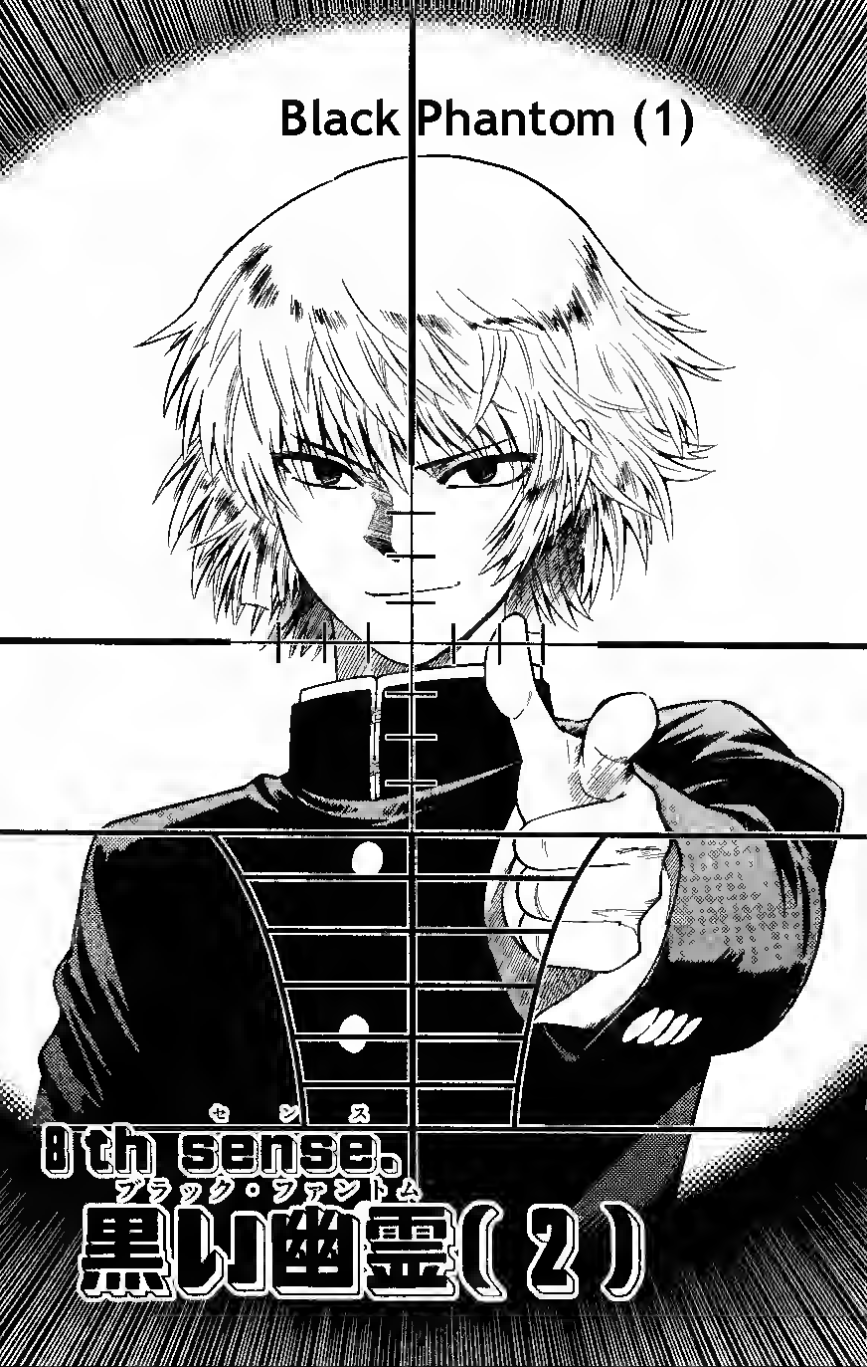

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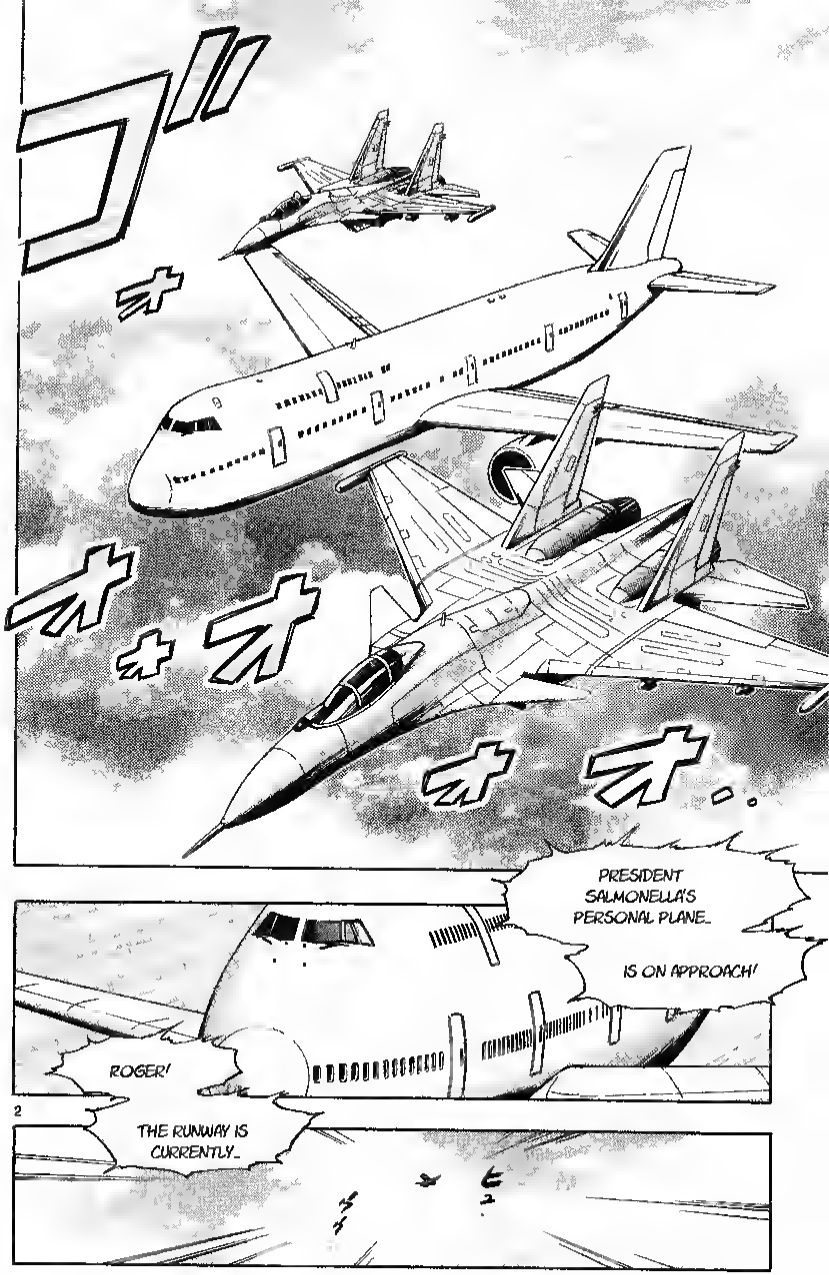
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PRESIDENT SALMONELLA'S PERSONAL PLANE..
IS ON APPROACH!
ROGER!
THE RUNWAY IS CURRENTLY..

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WHA...!?
KEE!!
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NUMBER 2!?
WHAT'S WRONG, NUMBER 2!?

UWAAAH!?
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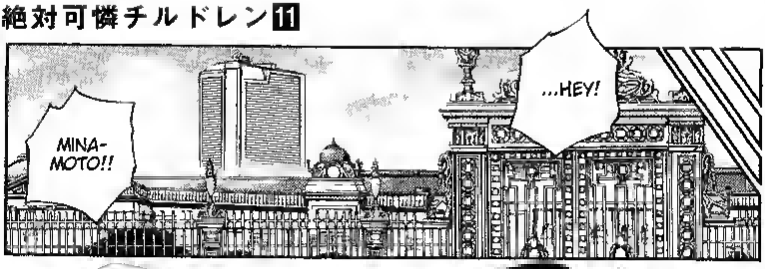
THE PRESIDENT'S PLANE IS MAKING AN EMERGENCY LANDING!!
SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH THE ESCORT PLANES!!
EMERGENCY!!


MINA-
MOTO!!
...HEY!

YOU CAN'T WAKE HIM UP LIKE THAT, CHIEF!
WAKE UP!!
HOW CAN YOU SLEEP DURING THE CHILDREN'S MISSION!? THEY'RE OUR COUNTRY'S TREASURE!!
THAT'S RIGHT, MINAMOTO-SAN MUST BE TIRED...

OKAY!
DEEP BREATH
I'M READY!
THAT WAS FAST.
WE NEED TO WAKE HIM WITH A KISS!?
LIKE A KISS!?
EH?
I'M NOT READY!
WE NEED TO WAKE HIM IN A MORE GENTLE WAY. ♡

WAKE UP, SLEEPY HEAD. ♡
CRAP, SHE'S THE FAST ONE!?
OKAY, NOW... HEY!?

HUH?
HOW ABOUT THINKING ABOUT YOUR FRIENDS FOR ONCE?
ALWAYS THINKING ABOUT YOURSELF
PEOPLE LIKE YOU...

YOU WERE RUNNING LATE, AND THEN I FOUND YOU NAPPING UP HERE!
THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO KNOW!!
!!
WHEN DID I GET HERE!?
THIS IS...!!

!!
WE NEED TO SEND "THE CHILDREN" THERE AT ONCE!!
WE CAN DISCUSS THIS LATER...!!
THE JETS ESCORTING THE PRESIDENT HAVE CRASHED INTO THE OCEAN!!
CHIEF!!
THAT'S WHAT YOU NEED TO GO AND FIND OUT!
WE DON'T KNOW!
COULD THEY HAVE BEEN... ATTACKED!?
I'LL GIVE YOU A REASON.
"BLACK PHANTOM" IS DEFINITELY COMING.
YOU NEED TO TAKE "THE CHILDREN" FAR FROM THERE!
WAIT!
NO.
OKAY, LET'S GO!

ESP DEFENSE TEAM!
BE EXTRA CAUTIOUS!!
I HAVE SOME-THING TO TELL THE CHIE-
.....
ROGER!!
8
INFORM EVERYONE WITH YOUR TELE-PATHY...
...THE PRESIDENT SHOULD BE HERE SOON!
THAT'S RIGHT.
BE CAREFUL!
OVER!
WE'VE ORGANIZED OUR PATROLS WITH THE SPS!
B.A.B.E.L. Espers
VIP Protection Team

!!!
BABEL
WHAT'S WRO-
HEY!?
!?
BABEL
NOT GOOD!!
9
PSYCHO-KINETICS, SET UP A BARRIER!!
SEARCH THE AREA WITH TELEPATHY AND CLAIRVOY-ANCE!!
DEFENSE HQ!! THIS IS THE ESP DEFENSE TEAM...
WE HAVE A MAN DOWN!!
GO INTO A STATE OF EMER-GENCY!!
CAPTAIN!!
THEY'RE ALL GATHERED TOGETHER.
HEH...

!!!
CAPTAIN!?

IT SHOULD HAVE KEPT ANY BULLETS FROM GETTING IN...
THE BARRIER WAS INEFFECTIVE!?

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BEL
WHERE DID IT COME FROM...?
HOW!?
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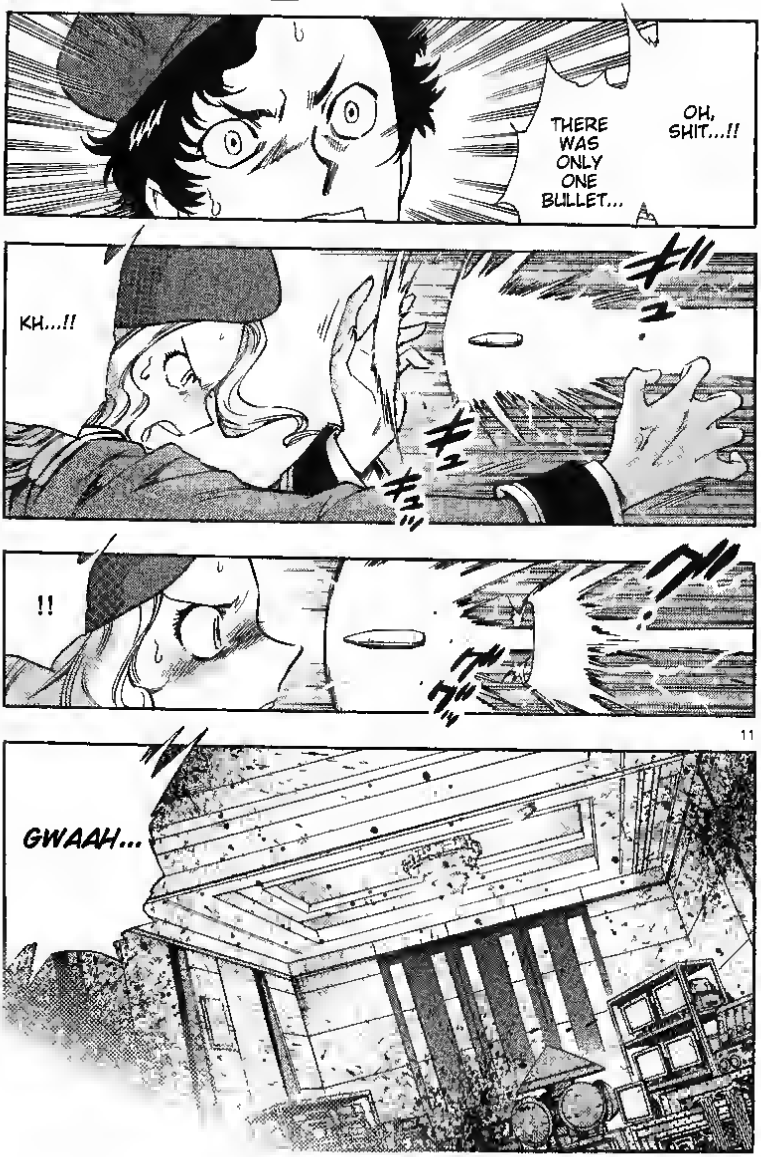
BABEL


OH, SHIT...!!
THERE WAS ONLY ONE BULLET...
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GWAAH...

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HEH...
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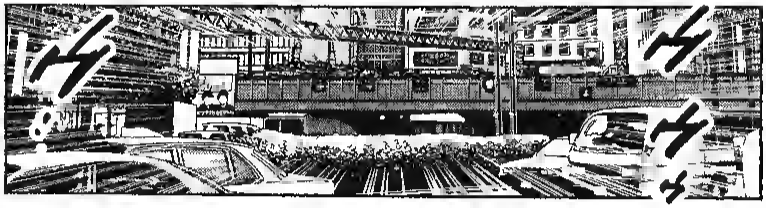

PLEASE GREET HIM WITH APPLAUSE.
PRESIDENT SALMONELLA HAS ARRIVED

W...
WE'RE IN A STATE OF EMERGENCY ...!!
WE'VE LOST CONTACT WITH THE ESP TEAM!
KYAAA-AAH!
!!
PRESIDENT, GET DOW-
GWAAH!?

15
NO, WAIT!!
THAT'S...
PRIME MINISTER!!
YOU NEED TO GET OUT OF...
JUST KIDDING.
HEH HEH HEH...

!!
SO THAT'S WHERE YOU ARE, "BLACK PHANTOM"!!
I'LL BE RIGHT THERE TO FINISH THIS!!

PSY-CHIIIC...
LINE FISH-ING!!
I'LL HAVE DIRECTOR TSUBOMI TAKE CARE OF_
!?
WAIT!
_UNDER-STOOD!
HAVE "THE CHILDREN" CONTINUE THE MISSION THERE FOR NOW!
THAT'S WHAT HYOUBU SAID!!
...YES, CHIEF, THAT'S RIGHT!

!!
I'VE JUST RECEIVED WORD THAT THERE WAS AN ATTACK!!
BUT IT SEEMS MAJOR HYOUBU STOPPED THE ASSASSINATION!
WE DON'T KNOW ANYTHING MORE SPECIFIC THAN THAT.!!
EH...? WHAT?
QUIT ACTING LIKE A TELE-PATH.
DID... YOU JUST FEEL THAT?
.....!?
ESPERS...
OUR COMRADES ARE DYING...!?
WE HAVE TO GO...!!

Black Phantom (3)

9th sense.

ブラック・ファントム

黒い幽霊(3)

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HEY, WHERE'RE YOU GOING?
I WENT TO SUCH GREAT LENGTHS TO MEET YOU...
AND YOU'RE JUST GOING TO AVOID ME AGAIN?
!!

I WON'T LET YOU GET AWAY TODAY, "BLACK PHANTOM"!!

HYOUBU...
KYOUSUKE!!
WELL, I GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED...
!!
NOT GOING TO INTRODUCE YOURSELF, HUH?

……!!
BECAUSE YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO YOU ARE.

FULL POWER!!
HYPNO

GAH ...!!

AAAH!!
AH...
HEH...
HEH HEH HEH...!!
!?
IT WON'T WORK, HYOUGU KYOUSUKE!
DID YOU REALLY THINK YOU COULD UNDO HIS BRAIN-WASHING?
6
YOU'RE MUCH TOO NAIVE.
.....!!

UH!!
SHI...!!

...AND YOU'RE DEFINITELY A FIRST-RATE VILLAIN.
THAT BOY...
YOU'RE SECOND-RATE WHEN IT COMES TO LEADING A CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION
YOU SHOULD HAVE KILLED HIM WHEN YOU HAD THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE.
.....
IS JUST A PUPPET UNDER YOUR CONTROL!
8
I'D NEVER GO THAT FAR WITH A FELLOW ESPER...!!
AND TURNED HIM INTO YOUR TOOL BY TAKING AWAY HIS PERSONALITY AND MEMORIES.
YOU PROBABLY KIDNAPPED HIM SOME-WHERE...

APPLY BRAINWASHING THAT EVEN YOU CAN'T REMOVE²
I WONDER...
IS IT POSSIBLE FOR A NORMAL TO...
AND THEN USE HIM TO CONTROL ALL THE REST...
AND THEN THEY'D ALL BE PART OF "BLACK PHANTOM".
YOU'D JUST NEED TO CONTROL A SINGLE LEVEL 7 WHO WAS WIZARD CLASS HYPNO.
IS IT POSSI-BLE?

9

SUPPRESS THE PRESENSE OF "BLACK PHANTOM" IN YOUR HEAD!
LISTEN UP, BOY!
HE'S NOT JUST P.A.N.D.R.A'S BUSINESS RIVAL!

NATURAL ENEMY!!
HE'S THE DARK WILL OF THE NORMALS.
HE'S ALL ESPERS'...

.....
COME WITH ME!!
DON'T DO WHAT THE NORMALS TELL YOU TO DO!

10

YOU'RE AN EYESORE TO "BLACK PHANTOM"!
DIE, "P.A.N.-D.R.A"!
UGH...

GWAAAH ...!?
HE CONTROLS THE LEAD AND PROBABLY USES SOME FORM OF TELEPATHY TO KEEP TRACK OF IT.
HE'S A MULTIPLE POWER ESPER WITH "LEAD" AS THE KEY.
THE BULLET'S ARE CHANGING FORM AND GROWING INSIDE MY BODY...!!
11
IT LOOKS LIKE...
PSYCHIC POWERS USUALLY AREN'T VERY EFFECTIVE ON LEAD.
A FORMIDABLE ENEMY.

!!
THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE YOU...
IS TO KILL YOU.

HE PULLED MY BULLETS OUT OF HIS BODY!?
MY CONTROL OF THE LEAD SHOULD BE STRONGER...
WHAT...!?
WHAT HE'S CONTROLLING IS THE BLOOD!!
HE'S IMMOBILIZED THE LEAD BY COATING IT IN HIS OWN BLOOD!
NO!

NOT EVEN HYOUBU IS INVINCIBLE
COME ON, KID!!
WITH THAT MUCH BLOOD LOSS, THAT SHOULD BE A FATAL WOUND BEFORE LONG...!!

WAIT A SECOND!!
WHA...
HEY!?
14
UW-AAAAH!!
YOU'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A MISSION!
YOU HAVE TO GO?
!!

WE STILL HAVE TO GO!!
AOI, TELE-PORTATION!
EH, BUT...
.....
LET'S GO CHECK IT OUT.
IF KAORU-CHAN FELT SOME-THING...
SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED.
A FEELING ISN'T ENOUGH!
WE NEED REAL INFOR-MATION!
.....
NO WE DON'T!
WAIT ...!!
.....

FELT THE ATTACK ...!?
COULD SHE HAVE...
PREPARE A HELI-COPTER!
WE NEED TO GO AFTER THEM!
!!

U-
UWAAH!?
!!
YOU'RE...!!

ONE OF MAJOR HYOUBU'S MEN...!?
QUEEN.
BEHAVE YOURSELF AND GO BACK TO B.A.B.E.L.'S JOB.
LET US PAST!!
DON'T GET IN OUR WAY!!
I CAN'T LET YOU GO ANY FURTHER.
SHUT UP AND WAIT!!
YOU'LL BE ALRIGHT!! YOU LOOK FINE WITHOUT YOUR MAKE-UP, SO HURRY UP!!
I CAN'T GO OUT WHEN I'VE JUST WOKEN UP!!
I ALREADY TOLD YOU!!
Meanwhile with Fujiko.

Black Phantom (4)

10th sense.
ブラック・ファントム
黒い幽霊（4）

WE'RE IN A HURRY!!
DON'T GET IN OUR WAY!!
2
HM.
YOU'RE TOO SPOILED!
SORRY, BUT...
WE'RE WILLING TO FORCE OUR WAY PAST YOU!!

!!
3
MGH!!
DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE US!!
KAORU-CHAN'S ATTACK WAS A DECOY!
TELL US WHAT'S GOING ON...!!

IT'S TRUE THAT...
USING PSYCHOMETRY IS HARD WHEN A HIGH LEVEL ESPER SHUTS HIS MIND.
BUT...
QUIT THIS USELESS STRUGGLING, EMPRESS.
YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING TO ME.
WHY AM I HERE!?
WAAH!?
MOMOTAROU'S A HIGH LEVEL TELEPATH!
WON'T IT BE THE SAME WITH HIM!?
KEE!?
WE CAN USE HIM.
ドゴッ
4
WELL, IN THAT CASE... THERE'S THIS...
GROUP OF ASSASSINS CALLED "BLACK PHANTOM"
THAT STUPID RODENT!!
TELL US AND WE'LL GIVE YOU A TREAT.

KYOUSUKE IS FIGHTING TO UNDO THE BRAIN-WASHING
APPARENTLY IT'S A GROUP OF CRIMINAL NORMALS WHO USE HYPNOSIS TO CONTROL ESPERS.
THEY USE KIDNAPPED ESPERS AS TOOLS.

IF HE CAN'T REMOVE THE BRAIN-WASHING, HE'LL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO KILL HIM.
NOT EVEN AN ECM WORKS ON THEM.
THE MAJOR INTENDS TO DO IT ALL PERSONALLY.
.....!!

WE HAVE STRICT ORDERS TO NOT EVEN LET P.A.N.D.R.A ESPERS GET NEAR.
...WELL, THAT'S WHAT'S GOING ON.

THEY USE ESPERS...
THEY TAKE AWAY THEIR HEART...
AND MAKE THEM KILL OTHER ESPERS AND NORMALS!?

THAT'S HORRIBLE ...!!

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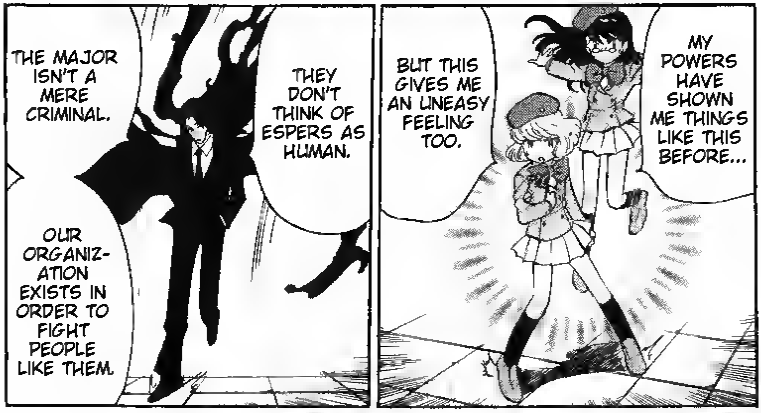

THE MAJOR ISN'T A MERE CRIMINAL.
THEY DON'T THINK OF ESPERS AS HUMAN.
OUR ORGANIZ-ATION EXISTS IN ORDER TO FIGHT PEOPLE LIKE THEM.
BUT THIS GIVES ME AN UNEASY FEELING TOO.
MY POWERS HAVE SHOWN ME THINGS LIKE THIS BEFORE...

……
AN ENEMY OF ALL ESPERS...!!

THAT THINKING IS WHAT...
ESPERS AREN'T HUMAN; THEY'RE MONSTERS!!
BROUGHT ABOUT "BLACK PHANTOM" ...!!

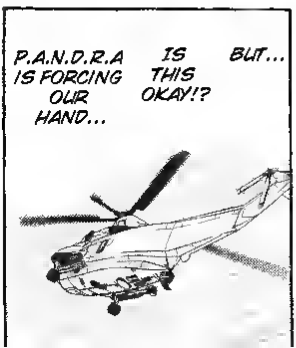
HE'S TAKING ON SOMEONE THAT STRONG ALONE...!
……
THIS GUY OBLITERATED THE BABEL ESPER DEFENSE TEAM!
BUT WON'T THE MAJOR BE IN DANGER!?

.....!!
CAN YOU KILL THIS TOOL OF "BLACK PHANTOM"?
THEN...
AND HE'LL BE A VICTIM HIMSELF.
BUT IF YOU KILL HIM, YOU'LL HAVE BLOOD ON YOUR OWN HANDS.
HE MAY HAVE KILLED DOZENS OF PEOPLE...
...NO ONE WANTS THAT TO HAPPEN.

BUT...!!

JUST GO BACK TO FOUR-EYES FOR TODAY.
DON'T SAY ANYTHING UNREASONABLE!

IF YOU DO, I'LL GO HELP THE MAJOR
WE'RE THE ONLY ONE'S THAT NEED TO GET OUR HANDS DIRTY
.....!!


P.A.N.D.R.A IS FORCING OUR HAND...
IS THIS OKAY!?
BUT...

HE KNEW WE WOULD WANT THE SAME THING...
THAT'S WHY HE SAID THAT...!!
THIS IS A TRULY DIRTY JOB.
TAKE "THE CHILDREN" FAR FROM THERE!

!!
ARENT WE "THE CHILDREN"!?
WE DON'T KNOW THAT NOTHING CAN BE DONE!!
SO!?
DO YOU WANT US TO RUN AWAY AND DO NOTHING!?
10
MINAMOTO ...!?
I'LL COVER YOU!!
GO, KAORU!!
!!
NOW!
FLY!!

I WON'T LET YOU!!
I HAVE ORDERS FROM THE MAJOR!!
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CONCEN-TRATE MY POWER ON A THIN AREA...!
PSYCHIC
SCISSORS WAVE!!
THAT'S WHAT KYOUSUKE TAUGHT ME!!

MOMO-TAROU!!
WHERE'S KYOU-SUKE!?
THEN LOOK FOR HIM!!
WHAT ...!?
SHE CUT IT!?
PLEASE!!
I-I DON'T REALLY KNOW.
.....
OKAY, KAORU!
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RIDIC-ULOUS ...!!
THAT WAS MY PURIFIED CARBON MONO-MOLECULAR FIBER!!
NO ESPER OTHER THAN THE MAJOR HAS EVER BEEN ABLE TO CUT IT...
YOU STILL DON'T GET IT?
YOU'RE UNDER-ESTIMATING US.
YOU'RE MIND'S FULL OF OPENING'S FROM CONCEN-TRATING ON KAORU-CHAN TOO MUCH. ♡
MINAMOTO-SAN, TELL US WHAT TO DO!
!?
OH! SO IT'S MADE OF CARBON.
!!

I COULD EASILY DEAL WITH THEM...
BUT THE MAJOR TOLD ME NOT TO INJURE THEM...
SO IN THIS SITU-ATION...
GOT IT. DOES THAT MEAN THIS WILL WORK BETTER THAN A GUN?
ALL I CAN DO IS ENDURE !!!!IT!!
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LET'S GO AFTER KAORU!!
THAT'S ENOUGH FOR NOW!!
ELECTRICITY PASSES THROUGH CARBON EASILY!
GOOD JOB!!

BUT WHAT DO WE DO AFTER WE FIND "BLACK PHANTOM"!?
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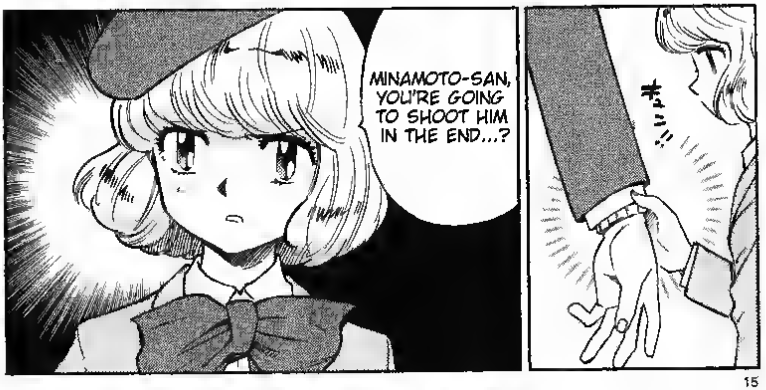
MINAMOTO-SAN, YOU'RE GOING TO SHOOT HIM IN THE END...?
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BUT ME NEEDING TO WOULD BE THE WORST POSSIBLE SITUATION.
AS A LAST RESORT... YES.

AT LEAST...
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN STOP YOU...
SO I'LL SUPPORT YOU WITH ALL MY ABILITY.

OUR MISSION IS TO SAFELY CAPTURE TWO CRIMINAL ESPERS!!
WITH THE FOUR OF US, WE CAN USE THE BOOST!
WE'LL HAVE TO WAGER ON THAT!

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KAORU JUST NOW...
ROGER!!
BE CAREFUL AND GO!!

WHAT IF THAT'S NOT JUST A NICKNAME...
HYOUBU'S GROUP CALLS HER "QUEEN".
AND IF KAORU HAS THE POWER AND THE URGE TO PROTECT THEM...
IF PSYCHIC POWERS ARE REALLY MANKIND'S EVOLUTION...
HAVE THEY BECOME A NEW SPECIES?
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HERE YOU ARE!!
KAORU ...!?

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At the time when Carrie's intelligence was at its height...
ISN'T THIS A NICE PLACE?
ONE OF THE PROFESSORS OWNS THIS VILLA AND BEACH.
YEAH.
CARRIE MAY BE DISAPPEARING SOON...
BUT WE CAN MAKE SOME GOOD MEMORIES...!!
UH...
UMM...
CARRIE?
SO, WHERE IS SHE?

WH-WHAT DO YOU THINK, KOUICHI, SHUUJI?
!!
IT'S CAROLINE'S SWIMSUIT, SO IT'S HER TASTE, BUT...
DOES IT LOOK GOOD...?
AH... YEAH. THERE'S NO PROBLEM WITH IT, RIGHT?
I COULDN'T SAY IT THEN EITHER...!!
I COULDN'T SAY THAT IT LOOKED REALLY GOOD AND SHE LOOKED REALLY CUTE...!! BECAUSE SAKAKI WAS THERE !!
AH, YOU IDIOT.

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL SUNSET...
Y-YEAH ...
R-REALLY BEAUTIFUL ...
AH, YOU IDIOT.
TH-THE SUNSET OF COURSE!
G-GEEZ, KOUICHI.
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT!?
EH ...!?
BECAUSE SAKAKI WAS THERE!!
I COULDN'T SAY, "AT YOU OF COURSE"...!!
I COULDN'T SAY IT THEN EITHER...!!

YEAH... IT'S REALLY GOOD!
I FOLLOWED THE RECIPE AND HAD SEEN OTHERS DO IT, BUT...
IS IT GOOD?
WAAH, YOU IDIOT.
I-I DON'T NEED TO DO THAT!!
I COULDN'T SAY IT THEN EITHER ...ETC.
IF YOU BACK WITH ME TO MY APARTMENT YOU COULD EAT IT EVERYDAY.

I JUST NOW REALIZED IT!!
I JUST NOW REALIZED IT!!
IN THE END I COULDN'T JUST WATCH AND HAD TO HELP HIM!
AH, WELL, MINAMOTO WAS REALLY INDECISIVE ABOUT THE WHOLE THING...
YOU WERE PURPOSE-FULLY HAVING FUN BY NOT HELPING ME OUT, WEREN'T YOU!?
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BUT MINA-MOTO-KUN REALLY IS...
YOU'RE SLOW!!
THE END.